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Worships God in Word and Sacrament

September 6, 2020

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Tune: Nettleton
John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813; arr. Stan Pethel
Bob Vawter, trombone Text by Robert Robinson, c. 1758 at Hymn 356 in hymnal

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 417

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Regent Square

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the Amen.)

Direct us, O Lord, in all our actions with Thy most gracious favor and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

we have sinned against you through our own fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses,
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your Name ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 411 Arise, Your Light Is Come Festal Song

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149:1-6a, 9c Unison

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise God's name with dancing,

making melody with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

God adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats. Praise the Lord!

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 257 Give Praise to the Lord Laudate Dominum

The congregation sits.

Epistle Romans 13:8-14

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon Gathered in Christ's Name Mike Krech

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matt. 18:20

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 504 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Union Seminary

Nicene Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing (Alles ist an Gottes Segen)

Johann Löhner; arr. Dale Wood

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Please observe social distancing as you come to the Communion table.

Carefully take a piece of bread, and a small cup.

Eat and drink while at the table and place the empty cup in the basket provided.

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion Unison

O God, you have so greatly loved us,

long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.

Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves,

our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing the

Hymn 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Hyfrydol

The congregation sits for the

Postlude Come, Thou Fount Tune: Nettleton

John Wyeth; arr. Jason Payne

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We are in the season of Sundays after Trinity Sunday, also called Ordinary Time.

The Old Testament readings are from Exodus,

the Epistle from Romans, the Gospel from Matthew.

The liturgical color is green, emblematic of Christian growth. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone.
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one.
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted loving-kindness Hear Your people as they pray,
And Your fullest benediction Shed within its walls away.

Here bestow on all Your servants What they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever With the blessed to retain,
And here-after in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run.

Text: 7th century Latin, Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972;
Tune: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty, Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, 1974;

Tune: FESTAL SONG; William H. Walter, 1894

Give Praise to the Lord

Give praise to the Lord and sing a new song.
Amid all the saints God's praises prolong.
A song to your maker and ruler now raise,
All children of Zion, rejoice and give praise.

With timbrel and harp and joyful acclaim,
With gladness and mirth, we praise Your great name.
For now in Your people good pleasure You seek,
With robes of salvation You cover the meek.

In glory exult, all saints of the Lord;
With song in the night high praises accord.
Go forth in God's service and strong in God's might
To conquer all evil and stand for the right.

For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail.
But over the earth their power shall prevail.
All kingdoms and nations shall yield to their sway.
To God give the glory; sing praises for aye.

Text: Psalm 149; *The Psalter*, 1912; alt. 1984;

Tune LAUDATE DOMINUM; C. Hubert H. Parry, c. 1915

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly in Your name
Two or three are met together, You are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup.
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of You,
That by caring, helping, giving, We may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1931; alt.;

Tune: UNION SEMINARY; Harold Friedell, 1957

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down.
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast.
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747;

Tune: HYFRYDOL; Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

