

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God

September 13, 2020

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

I Know Whom I Have Believed James McGranahan
arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 143

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Diadem

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**.)

God of mercy: Help us to forgive as you have forgiven us. Help us to trust you, even when hope is failing. Help us to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; 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 334 When Israel Was in Egypt's Land Go Down Moses

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 14:19-31

Psalm 114

Unison

When Israel went out from Egypt,

the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel God's dominion.

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Why it is, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

who turns the rock into a pool of water,

the flint into a spring of water.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 494 Out of Deep, Unordered Water Rustington

The congregation sits.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Epistle

Romans 14:1-12

Sermon

Life Together in Christ

Mike Krech

“We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.”
Romans 14:7-8

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 372 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Apostles' Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

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

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Air on a G String J.S. Bach; arr. Frank J. Halferty

Bob Vawter, trombone Susan Steppe, organ

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Cwm Rhondda

The congregation sits.

Postlude We Will Glorify (Toccata Brillante) Twila Paris; arr. Fred Bock

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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

Our Old Testament readings are from Exodus.

The Epistle readings are from Romans, the Gospel readings from Matthew.

The liturgical color is green, emblematic of the growth these lessons lead us to receive. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name, Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng, We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all!

Text: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787; Tune: DIADEM; James Ellor, 1838

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

When Israel was in Egypt's land, Let my people go!

Oppressed so hard they could not stand. Let my people go!

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, Way down in Egypt's land, Tell old Pharaoh, Let my people go!

"Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said: Let my people go!

"If not, I'll smite your firstborn dead," Let my people go! (Refrain)

"No more shall they in bondage toil," Let my people go!

"Let them come out with Egypt's spoil," Let my people go! (Refrain)

Text: African-American Spiritual

Tune: GO DOWN MOSES; African-American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, 1989

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

Out of deep, unordered water God created light and land.
World of bird and beast and, later, In God's image, woman, man.

Refrain:

There is water in the river Bringing life to tree and plant.
Let creation praise its giver: There is water in the font.

Water on the human forehead, Birthmark of the love of God,
Is the sign of death and rising; Through the seas there runs a road. (Refrain)

Standing round the font reminds us Of the Hebrews' climb ashore,
Life is hallowed by the knowledge: God has been this way before. (Refrain)

Text: Fred Kaan, 1965; Tune: RUSTINGTON; C. Hubert H. Parry, 1897

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian In-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving In-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy In-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus In-a my heart.

Text: African American Spiritual; Tune: African-American Spiritual

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land:
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1745; st.1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771;
st.2-3, trans. William Williams, 1772; Tune: CWM RHONDDA; John Hughes, 1907