

Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God

July 26, 2020

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

I Need Thee Every Hour
Bob Vawter, trombone

Robert Lowry, 1872
Susan Steppe, organ

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

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**.)

Eternal God, protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Fill us with your mercy and your grace, that, with you to rule and guide, we may so use the good things of this present life that we do not neglect those of eternal worth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin,

so that, as you come to us in mercy,

we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 370

Just As I Am

Woodworth

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

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalms 105:1-11,45b

Unison

O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name.

Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done,

the miracles and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Our God is the Lord; his judgments are in all the earth.

God is mindful of his covenant forever,

of the word he commanded for a thousand generations,

the covenant that God made with Abraham,

his sworn promise to Isaac,

which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,

to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying,

"To you I will give the land of Canaan

as your portion for an inheritance."

Praise the Lord.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 307

Fight the Good Fight

Duke Street

The congregation sits.

Epistle

Romans 8:26-39

Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-53

Sermon

The Pearl

Mike Krech

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Matthew 13:45-46

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 392

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Hall

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

On an English Melody, “The Turtle Dove”

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr. (1945-2014)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 361

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

Postlude

Psalm 19 – The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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 following the stories of the Patriarchs in Genesis.

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)

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