

# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God

July 5, 2020

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals Sigfrid Karl-Elert  
arr. Diane Bish

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 262** God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand National Hymn

## 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, in your perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and there is no strength but the strength of love. So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered as your children under the banner of the Prince of Peace to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

**Prayer of Confession** Unison

**Almighty God, ruler of all the peoples of the earth,  
forgive, we pray, our shortcomings as a nation.**

**Purify our hearts to see and love truth.**

**Give wisdom to our counselors and steadfastness to our people,  
and bring us at last to that fair city of peace,  
whose foundations are mercy, justice and goodwill,  
and whose builder and maker you are;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord ...**

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 561** My Country, 'Tis of Thee America

**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 24:34-38,42-49,58-67

**Psalms 45:10-17**

Unison

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;  
forget your people and your father's house,  
and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him.

The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,  
the richest of the people, with all kinds of wealth.

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes.

In many-colored robes she is led to the king;  
behind her, the maidens, her companions, follow.

With joy and gladness they are led along  
as they enter the palace of the king.

In the place of ancestors, you, O king, shall have sons;  
you will make them princes in all the earth.

I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;  
therefore, the peoples will praise you forever and ever.

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 345**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Rest

The congregation sits.

**Epistle**

Romans 7:15-25a

**Gospel**

Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

**Sermon**

Whether to Laugh or Cry

Mike Krech

“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you and you did not dance; we wailed and you did not mourn.’”

Matthew 11:16-17

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 563**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

**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**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Whiting/Dykes

Arr. David McKeown

Bob Vawter, trombone; Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Hymn 564**

O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies

Materna

**Postlude**

God of Our Fathers

George Warren  
arr. Anna Laura Page

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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

Today we also take note of the national Independence Day holiday.

Our Gospel readings from now until Advent begins on November 29 come from Matthew.

The Old Testament readings are from Genesis.

The Epistle readings are from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The liturgical color is green, emblematic of the growth in faith these lessons want us to achieve.

(JMK)

## **CHURCH SESSION**

### **Class of 2020**

Rosemary Gordon  
Brooks Keiser  
Elizabeth Velazquez

### **Class of 2021**

Rickie Cooke  
Anna Tate  
Janet Vawter

### **Class of 2022**

Kevin Bopp  
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