Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m. October 18, 2020

In the sanctuary and live-streamed

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Great Is Thy Faithfulness William Marion Runyan, 1923

Rickie Cooke, Baritone horn Arr. Brian Büda

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 235 With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim Gonfalon Royal

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.**) Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy that your church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; 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, 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 428 We Give Thee but Thine Own

Schumann

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, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Stewardship Reflections

Rickie Cooke

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

Unison

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion, exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity.

You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests;

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them;

you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands;

Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,

All for sin could not atone, Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;

Naked, come to Thee for dress, Helpless look to Thee for grace;

Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyelids close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me; Let me hide myself in Thee.

(-- text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; tune: Thomas Hastings, 1830)

The congregation sits.

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon Where Has God Been? Mike Krech

"...and while my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Exodus 33:22-23

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 438 Blest Be the Tie That Binds Dennis

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 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus William Kirkpatrick

arr. Timothy Nelson

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 442 The Church's One Foundation Aurelia

Worshipers are invited to sit and conclude worship through the postlude.

Or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and briskly.

Postlude They Will Know We Are Christians Fr. Peter Scholtes

arr. William Held

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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

We are also observing stewardship season.

Our Old Testament readings are from Exodus.

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

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