

## CHURCH SESSION

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## Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God

January 31, 2021

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Today's worship is online only

### The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** My Lord is Near Me All the Time (Forest Park) B.F. Gaultney  
arr. A.L. Page

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 464** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Hymn to Joy

### 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 compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never-ending.  
Enable us to love you with all our hearts and to love one another as Christ loved us,  
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

### Confession of Sin

Unison

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess**

**our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned:**

**in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord,**

**for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.**

**Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways**

**for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior ...**

### Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 323**

Loving Spirit

Omni Die

**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**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament**

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

**Psalm 111**

Unison

**Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

**Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

**Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord,  
and his righteousness endures forever.**

**God has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

**God provides food for those who fear him, ever mindful of his covenant.**

**God has shown his people the power of his works,  
giving them the heritage of the nations.**

**The works of God's hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.**

**They are established forever and ever  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

**God sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.**

**Holy and awesome is God's name.**

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
those who practice it have a good understanding.**

**God's praise endures forever.**

**Epistle**

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

**Gospel**

Mark 1:21-28

**Sermon**

Have You Come to Destroy Us? Dr. LindaJo McKim

“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” Mark 1:24

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 361**

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

**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 the G String

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

From Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major, BWV 1068

Bob Vawter, trombone; Rickie Cooke, baritone horn

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Hymn 322**

Spirit of the Living God

Living God

**Postlude**

Now Thank We All Our God (Nun danket alle Gott)

Johann Crüger (1598-1662), arr. A.L. Travis

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church,

and sincere thanks to Dr. LindaJo McKim for leading the service and preaching.

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sun-ward In the triumph song of life.

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt;

Tune: HYMN TO JOY; Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges; alt.

### Loving Spirit

Loving Spirit, Holy Spirit, You have chosen me to be;  
You have drawn me to Your wonder, You have set Your sign on me.

Like a mother You enfold me, Hold my life within Your own,  
Feed me with Your very body, Form me of Your flesh and bone.

Like a father You protect me, Teach me the discerning eye,  
Hoist me up upon Your shoulder, Let me see the world from high.

Loving Spirit, in Your closeness I am known and held and blest:  
In Your promise is my comfort, In Your presence I may rest.

Text: Shirley Elena Murray, 1987;

Tune OMNI DIE; Corner's *Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch*, 1631;

Arr. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895)

### **How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said that to you God hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.  
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Text: "K" in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787; Ed. John Rippon; alt.

Tune: FOUNDATION; American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

### **Spirit of the Living God**

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Text: Daniel Iverson, 1935; adapted;

Tune: LIVING GOD; Daniel Iverson, 1935