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# **Grace Presbyterian Church**

# Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m. September 4, 2022

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Forest Green) arr. John Innes

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Coronation

**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.**) Direct us, O Lord, in all our actions with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 366 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me St. Catherine

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

**Passing of the Peace** (Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

Unison

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is high; I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them.

I try to count them – they are more than the sand;

I come to the end – I am still with you.

**Anthem** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah John Hughes; arr. Gary Lanier Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory Rathbun

The congregation sits.

Epistle Philemon 1-21

Sermon Unrequited Toil Mike Krech

"... no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother ..." Philemon 16a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 358 Help Us Accept Each Other Baronita

Nicene Creed
Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical
Gloria Patri 579
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

**Offertory Sentence** 

**Offertory** In Remembrance of Me Ragan Courtney and Beryl Red

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional As directed by an usher, form a single line in the center aisle to receive the bread and consume it there, then move to an elder to receive the cup and drink from it there; then place empty cup in the basket.

Please give the person in front of you adequate time for a reverent Communion.

If you prefer, you may receive only the bread or only the cup.

The pastor and an elder will serve any who cannot come forward; please indicate by an uplifted hand. All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion and Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 501** Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

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Worshipers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and quickly now if necessary.

**Postlude** Praise Him in the Morning with When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. Don Wyrtzen

### 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 Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, 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 Lord of all! Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball, To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all! To Him all majesty ascribe, 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 Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, 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: CORONATION; Oliver Holden, 1793

#### Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare; O knit my thankful heart to Thee, And reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, Thine alone, I'd live, Myself to Thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure love alone; O may Thy love possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown! All coldness from my heart remove; May every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is Thy way! All fear before Thy presence flies; Care, anguish, sorrow melt away, Where'er Thy healing beams arise, O Jesus, nothing may I see, Nothing desire, or seek, but Thee.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. John Wesley, c. 1739, alt. Tune: ST CATHERINE; Henri Frederick Hemy, 1864; alt. James George Walton, 1874

#### In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive and fears annoy, Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way, From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1825; Tune RATHBUN; Ithamar Conkey, 1849

### Help Us Accept Each Other

Help us accept each other As Christ accepted us; Teach us, as sister, brother, Each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us And bring us to believe We are ourselves accepted And meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons As in our daily life We struggle to be human And search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, For all, not just for some, To love them as we find them Or as they may become.

Let Your acceptance change us, So that we may be moved In living situations To do the truth in love; To practice Your acceptance Until we know by heart The table of forgiveness And laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters With all who are in need, Who hunger for acceptance For righteousness and bread, We need new eyes for seeing, New hands for holding on; Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

Text: Fred Kaan, 1975; Tune: BARONITA; Doreen Porter, 1975

## Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

Bread of heaven, on Thee we feed, For Thou art our food indeed; Ever may our souls be fed With this true and living Bread, Day by day with strength supplied Through the life of Christ who died.

Vine of heaven, Thy love supplies This blest cup of sacrifice; 'Tis Thy wounds our healing give; To Thy cross we look and live; Thou our life! O let us be Rooted, grafted, built on Thee.

Text: Josiah Conder, 1824; alt.

Tune: ARFON; French and Welsh melody; arr. Hugh Davies, 1906