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# Grace Presbyterian Church Worships God

July 12, 2020

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (Tune: Marion) arr. David Lowe

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 288** I Sing the Mighty Power of God Ellacombe

**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, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation and in the beauty of human life. Touched by your hand, our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever 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 244 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind Monkland

**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** 

**Epistle** Romans 8:1-11 **Gospel** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Old Testament Genesis 25:29-34

Psalm 46 Unison

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved.

God will help her right early.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

He utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the worlds of the Lord,

how He wrought desolations in the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

He burns the chariots with fire!

"Be still, and know that I am God.

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!"

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Sermon** The God in Whom We Trust Dr. Donald K. McKim "The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." Psalm 46:11 (RSV)

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 191 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength Winchester Old
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 Ein' Feste Burg Johann Christoph Bach

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 260A Mighty Fortress Is Our GodEin' Feste BurgPostludeTo God Be the GloryFanny Crosby; arr. Don Hustad

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Thanks to **Dr. Don McKim** for leading worship and preaching today.

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

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God That made the mountains rise; That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at God's command, And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food; God formed the creatures with a word And then pronounced them good. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eyes; If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below But makes Thy glories known; And clouds arise and tempests blow By order from Thy throne; While all that borrows life from Thee Is ever in Thy care, And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

(Text: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt.; Tune Ellacombe, Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtebergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868

#### Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Let us with a gladsome mind Praise the Lord who is so kind:

For God's mercies shall endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all-commanding might, Filled the new-made world with light:

All things living God does feed, With full measure meets their need:

Let us with a gladsome mind Praise the Lord who is so kind:

(Text: John Milton, 1623, alt; Tune: Monkland; Freylinghausen's Geistreiches Gesangbuch, 1704; Arr. John B. Wilkes, 1861)

## God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

God is our refuge and our strength, Our ever-present aid, And therefore, though the earth remove, We will not be afraid;

Though hills amid the seas be cast, Though foaming waters roar, Yea, though the mighty billows shake The mountains on the shore.

Where God abides a river flows; That city will rejoice, But nations fear and kingdoms shake Before God's thundering voice.

Since God is in the midst of it, The city walls shall stand, Secure and safe with God's sure help, When trouble is at hand.

(Text: The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1988; Tune: Winchester Old; Este's Psalmes, 1592)

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;

Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;

His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;

Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,

Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same, And he must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,

We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him.

His rage we can endure, For lo! his doom is sure, One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;

The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth;

Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;

The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

(Text: Martin Luther, 1529; Trans. Frederick Henry Hodge, 1852;

Tune Ein' Feste Burg; Martin Luther, 1529)