

Grace Presbyterian Church
Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

October 4, 2020

In the sanctuary and livestreaming
World Communion Sunday

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Spirit of the Living God (Llanfyllin) arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Nicaea

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 God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Gather your church in unity by your Holy Spirit, that it may manifest your power among all peoples to the glory 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 386

O for a World

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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

Exodus 20:1-21

Psalms 19:1-11,14

Unison

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

Yet their line has gone out through all the earth

and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy

and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens

and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 166 The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise

Caithness

The congregation sits.

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon Kingdom Given and Taken Away Mike Krech
“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.” Matthew 21:43

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 515 Now to Your Table Spread Love Unknown

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 Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas) Jacques Berthier, Community of Taize

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

Please observe social distancing as you come to either table.

Carefully take a piece of bread, and/or a small cup.

Eat and drink while at the table and place the empty cup in the basket provided.

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

The pastor offers a prayer of spiritual Communion for those not receiving.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion Unison

O God, you have so greatly loved us,

long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.

Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves,

our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing the

Hymn 385 O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face Song 1

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

Or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and briskly.

Postlude O for a Thousand Tongues medley

Charles Glasser/Mark Miller; arr. Susan Steppe