

CHURCH SESSION

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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 Azmon

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

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, as in *Hymns Written and Abridged*, 1827, alt;
Tune: NICAEA; John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

O for a World

O for a world where everyone Respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done With justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared And misery relieved.
Where truth is spoken, children spared, Equality achieved.

We welcome one world family And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity And gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, Outcasts belong, Who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, And all but love will cease.

Text: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987;
Tune: AZMON; Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise

The heavens above declare God's praise, The work God's hands have made;
Day after day the tale is told, And night by night displayed.

There is no utterance or speech, No voice is ever heard,
Yet to all nations comes the sound, To every place their word.

Forth like a bridegroom comes the sun From its appointed place,
And like a hero runs its course, Rejoicing in the race.

It runs from east to farthest west To make its course complete,
And nothing in the world beneath Escapes its scorching heat.

Text: Psalm 19:1-6; Christopher L. Webber, 1986;

Tune: CAITHNESS; Scottish Psalter, 1635; Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906; alt.

Now to Your Table Spread

Now to Your table spread We come, each one, in faith
That You alone provide the words of life and death:
In wine and bread, In promised food We find Your loving heart, O God.

Hands of the world reach out Your mystery to touch
In longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,
To sing in joy, To cry in grief, To know Your meaning for our life.

Here is our commonwealth, In sharing what is good,
As though all humankind around one table stood,
This bread to break, This wine to taste: One people in the name of Christ.

Text: Shirley Elena Murray, 1987; Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN; John Ireland, 1918

O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face

O God, we bear the imprint of Your face: The colors of our skin are Your design,
And what we have of beauty in our race As man or woman, You alone define,
Who stretched a living fabric on our frame And gave to each a language and a name.

Where we are torn and pulled apart by hate Because our race, our skin is not the same
While we are judged unequal by the state

And victims made because we own our name,
Humanity reduced to little worth, Dishonored is Your living face on earth.

O God, we share the image of Your Son Whose flesh and blood are ours,
whatever skin, In His humanity we find our own, And in His family our proper kin:
Christ is the brother we still crucify, His love the language we must learn, or die.

Text: Shirley Elena Murray, 1987;

Tune: SONG 1; Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625);

Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906, as in *The English Hymnal*, 1906