

Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

November 15, 2020

In the sanctuary and live streamed

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude It Is Well with My Soul/Blessed Assurance arr. Decesare
Bob Vawter, trombone; Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano

Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children Mike Krech

The Call to Worship Mary Newberg Gale

One: From the rising of the sun till it's setting in the west,

All: God's holy name be praised.

One: In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young

All: God's holy name be praised.

One: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

All: Let us worship God.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 485 To God Be the Glory To God Be the Glory

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession Unison

Majestic and merciful God, we come to you a wayward people.

We have forgotten your intentions for us;

we have rejected the way of Christ;

we have disregarded the power of your Spirit;

and we have worshipped ourselves and the things we have made.

Forgive us; restore in us the knowledge of whose we are;

and make us alive to serve you in faith, hope, and love.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Even though we get frustrated and angry,

God still loves us and seeks to heal us.

All: We open our hearts to receive God's blessings

and to feel God's healing power in our lives.

One: Amen.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 442 The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

One: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Haggai 2:1-9

Psalm 145:1-5,17-21

Unison

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;

He also hears their cry and saves them.

The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

New Testament

Luke 20:27-38

Sermon

Children of the Resurrection

Mary Gale

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 404 Precious Lord, Take My Hand Precious Lord
Affirmation of Faith From *A Declaration of Faith* Unison

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.

But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil

that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives.

Hope give us courage and energy to contend against opposition,

however invincible it may seem,

for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.

Gloria Patri 579

Henry W. Greator, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Dedication Unison

O God, through the offering of these gifts

may we become a more open people ...

open-minded in hearing your Word and wisdom,

open-hearted in healing a broken world,

open-handed in heeding your call for enacted love.

With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance

and the whole of ourselves.

Offertory Jesu, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (St. Agnes)/

If with All Your Heart from Elijah, F. Mendelssohn; arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

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

Or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and briskly.

Postlude We Will Glorify (Twila Paris)/Holy, Holy, Holy arr. Larry Mayfield

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We also welcome today the Rev. Mary Newberg Gale, who was received into our presbytery

this past Thursday. Mary most recently served as associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church,

Lawrence, Kansas. Her husband, the **Rev. James Gale,** has served as executive presbyter of our

Presbytery of the Mid-South since January.