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# **Grace Presbyterian Church**

Worships God at 11:00 a.m. June 20, 2021

Third Sunday after Trinity

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude in D Minor J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 487 When Morning Gilds the Skies Laudes Domini

**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.) O God, our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us from all unbelief; 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

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

Cleanse us from all our offenses,

and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength;

through Jesus Christ your Son ...

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, Announcements, and a Word to Children

**Prayer for Illumination** 

**Old Testament** 1 Samuel 17:57-8:5,10-16

Psalm 133 Unison

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity. It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Gospel Mark 4:35-41

**Musical Meditation** Abide with Me

W.H. Monk, 1861; arr. Tim Doran

Bob Vawter, Rickie Cooke, bell tree; Susan Steppe, organ

Epistle Ephesians 1:1-14

**Sermon** Our Primary Identity Dr. Donald K. McKim "... To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 1:1

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 310Jesus, the Very Thought of TheeSt. AgnesApostles' CreedUnison; 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 Be Thou My Vision (Tune: Slane) arr. James Pethel

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 357 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee Maryton

Worshipers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude, or you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

**Postlude** Praise Him! Praise Him! (Tune: Joyful Song)

Chester G. Allen; arr. Mary McDonald

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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

We trace accounts of Jesus' teaching, healing, and other miracles, so that we may grow in grace.

The green paraments on the pulpit and Communion table remind us of Christian growth.

We generally follow the Revised Common Lectionary of scripture readings for each Sunday.

This year, our primary Gospel is Mark.

The Old Testament readings come from Samuel and Kings for the next several Sundays.

The Epistle readings are from 2 Corinthians and Ephesians.

We cordially welcome **Dr. Donald K. McKim** as he leads worship and preaches today.

JMK

#### Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round In joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky From depth to height reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song Through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, c. 1800; Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI; Joseph Barnby, 1868

### 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

### Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Jesus, the very thought of Thee With sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far Thy face to see, And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing not heart can frame, Nor can the mind recall A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show: The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, As Thou our prize will be; Jesus, be Thou our glory now, And through eternity.

Text: Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153); trans. Edward Caswall, 1849; alt. 1987 Tune: ST. AGNES; John Bacchus Dykes, 1866

## O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly paths of service free; Tell me Thy secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love; Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee In closer, dearer company, In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way; In peace that only Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1879;

Tune: MARYTON; Henry Percy Smith, 1874