

CHURCH SESSION

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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

July 18, 2021

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Great Redeemer, We Adore Thee (Redentore) Paolo Conte
arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 417 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Regent Square

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, Author of life and End of our pilgrimage: Guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, nor stumble in the darkness; but may finish our course in safety and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 175 The Lord's My Shepherd, All My Need Evan

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23 (KJV)

Unison

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Musical Meditation Fairest Lord Jesus Silesian folk melody

Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842 arr. Gary Lanier

Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano

Gospel

Mark 6:30-34,53-56

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 132 Come, Great God of All the Ages Abbot's Leigh

The congregation sits.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon

The Great Ends of the Church, 2: Mike Krech

The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also

members of the household of God.”

Ephesians 2:19

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 421 The Church of Christ in Every Age Wareham

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 Our Savior. Our Shepherd: A Meditation arr. Gayden Sikes

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 441 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord St. Thomas

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

or you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

Postlude Come, Thou Fount (Nettleton) John Wyatt, arr. Jason D. Payne

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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

Today is the second in a six-part sermon series on The Great Ends of the Church.

This brief summary of the primary purposes (ends) of the church are from a historic statement by one of the predecessor Presbyterian bodies now part of the PCUSA. These ends of the church correspond well to our epistle lessons from the letter to the Ephesians, these six Sundays.

Others in the series:

July 11 Ephesians 1:3-14: **The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind**

July 25 Ephesians 3:14-21: **The Maintenance of Divine Worship**

August 1 Ephesians 4:1-16: **The Preservation of the Truth**

August 8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2: **The Promotion of Social Righteousness**

August 15 Ephesians 5:15-20: **The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World**

JMK

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone.
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one.
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted loving-kindness Hear Your people as they pray,
And Your fullest benediction Shed within its walls away.

Here bestow on all Your servants What they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever With the blessed to retain,
And here-after in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run.

Text: 7th century Latin, Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972;
Tune: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

The Lord's My Shepherd, All My Need

The Lord's my Shepherd, all my need Will surely be supplied;
By quiet streams and through green fields The Lord will be my guide.

The Lord revives me, guides my feet On pathways that are right,
And I shall fear no evil though I walk through darkest night.

Your rod and staff, they comfort me; In presence of my foes
You feed me; You anoint my head And my cup overflows.

Your goodness and Your mercy, Lord, Shall surely follow me,
And I will dwell in God's own house For all eternity.

Text: Christopher L. Webber, 1986, alt.
Tune: EVAN; William Henry Havergal, 1846

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Come, great God of all the ages, Make Your earthly mission known;
Speak through every deed and person, Let Your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment, Give direction now, we ask;
Fit us for the work of building, Dedicate us to the task.

Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, Sure foundation, cornerstone,
Help us form the church eternal, May Your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower, Lead all people to Your way;
Urge us to strong faith and action As we build the church today.

Come, great Spirit, in and with us, Tune our ears to hear Your call;
Through the moving of Your presence, Let redeeming love recall
Ministry in dedication, Love embodied in our deeds;
Challenge us to do Your bidding, See Your purpose, fill all needs.

Come, O come, in celebration, Household of the one true God,
In commitment and rejoicing Let us go where Christ has trod,
As we act in faith and reverence, Let us, Lord, the future see;
Place us in the church triumphant, Now and for eternity.

Text: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1987;
Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH; Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

The Church of Christ in Every Age

The church of Christ in every age, Beset by change but Spirit led,
Must claim and test its heritage And keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, The victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat, And never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise, A caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice, And clothed in Christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the fever in our blood,
And teach us how to share our bread And feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve In full obedience to our Lord:
To care for all, without reserve, And spread Christ's liberating word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1969;

Tune: WAREHAM; William Knapp, 1738

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, The house of Thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved With His own precious blood.

I love Thy church, O God; Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, And graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, For her my prayers ascend;
To her my toils and cares be given, Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, Her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield, And brighter bliss of heaven.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1800

Tune: ST. THOMAS; *The Universal Psalmist*, 1763; Adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770