

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

July 25, 2021

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude When In Our Music God is Glorified Charles V. Stanford, 1904
arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 489 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty Unser Herrscher

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**.)

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your Word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that, believing in the One whom you have sent, we may know him to be the true bread of heaven and food of eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be glory and honor 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 398 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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

Psalm 145:10-18

2 Kings 4:42-44

Unison

All your works shall give you thanks, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds those who are falling
And raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

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

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

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 252 O Lord, You Are My God and King Jerusalem

The congregation sits.

Gospel

John 6:1-14

Epistle

Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon

The Great Ends of the Church, 3: Mike Krech
The Maintenance of Divine Worship

“I pray that you may have the power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.” Eph. 3:18

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 304

Jesus Loves Me

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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

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Tune: Quebec

Henry Baker, 1854; arr. Emma Lou Diemer

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

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

Postlude

Immortal Invisible

Welsh tune; arr. Don Wyrzten

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the third in a six-part sermon series on The Great Ends of the Church, a summary of the primary purposes (ends) of the church, found in our Presbyterian Book of Order. Others in the series:

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

July 18 Ephesians 3:14-21: The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God

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

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there.
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace.
Gracious God, I come before Thee, Come Thou also down to me;
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heaven on earth must be;
To my heart O enter Thou, Let it be Thy temple now.
Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near Thee, While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows, Here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1732; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863;
Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1680;
Harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; alt.

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (Repeat Refrain)

Text: Doris Akers, 1962
Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT, Doris Akers, 1962

O Lord, You Are My God and King

O Lord, You are my God and King, And I will ever bless Your name.
I will extol You every day, And evermore Your praise proclaim.
You, Lord, are greatly to be praised, Your greatness is beyond our thoughts;
All generations shall tell forth The mighty wonders You have wrought.
How rich in grace are You, O Lord, Full of compassion, merciful,
Your anger always slow to rise; Your steadfast love You show to all,
For You are good in all Your ways, Your creatures know Your constant care.
To all Your works Your love extends, All souls Your tender mercies share.
Your works will give You thanks, O Lord, Your saints Your mighty acts will show,
Till all the peoples of the earth Your kingdom, power, glory know.
Eternal is Your kingdom, Lord, Forever strong, forever sure;
While generations rise and die, Your high dominion will endure.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912; alt. (Psalm 145:1-13)
Tune: JERUSALEM; C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916; Harm, Richard Proulx, 1986

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, Saying, "Let them come to me." (Repeat refrain)

Text: Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859;

Tune: JESUS LOVES ME; William Batchelder Bradbury, 1861

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down.

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast.

Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;

Suddenly return and never, Never-more Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;

Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;

Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747;

Tune: HYFRYDOL; Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831