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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

August 29, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

The Solid Rock

William B. Bradbury
arr. Anna Laura Page

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, author and giver of all good things: Plant within our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 209 My Song Forever Shall Record St. Petersburg

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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

Psalm 45:1,6-9

Unison

My heart overflows with a goodly theme;

I address my verses to the king;

my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;

you love righteousness and hate wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.

Your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

Daughter of kings are among your ladies of honor;

at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Musical Meditation Come, Christians, Join to Sing (Tune: Madrid)

Grace Notes Hand Bell Ensemble arr. David Burroughs

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Epistle

Hebrews 6:13-20

Sermon

The Anchor of Hope

Dr. Donald K. McKim

“We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” Hebrews 6:19-20

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less Solid Rock

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 Be Thou My Vision (Tune: Slane)
arr. James Pethel

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 210 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past St. Anne

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

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

Postlude God of Grace and God of Glory Tune: Restoration
Southern Harmony, 1854; arr. Wilbur Held

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Thanks to our leader of worship and preacher **Dr. Don McKim**.

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

My Song Forever Shall Record

My song forever shall record The tender mercies of the Lord;

Thy faithfulness will I proclaim, And every age shall know Thy name.

I sing of mercies that endure, Forever builded firm and sure.

Almighty God, Thy lofty throne Has justice for its cornerstone;

And shining bright before Thy face Are truth and love and boundless grace.

The heavens shall join in glad accord To praise Thy wondrous works, O Lord.

The swelling sea obeys Thy will; Its angry waves Thy voice can still.

The heavens and earth, by right divine, The world and all therein are Thine;

The whole creation's wondrous frame Proclaims its Maker's glorious name.

With blessing is the nation crowned Whose people know the joyful sound;

They in the light, O Lord, shall live, The light Thy face and favor give.

Their fame and might to Thee belong, For in Thy favor they are strong.

Text: Psalm 89; *The Psalter*, 1912; alt.

Tune: ST. PETERSBURG; Dimitri Bortniansky, 1825; alt.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name: Refrain

Refrain:

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne. Refrain

Text: Edward Mote, c. 1834;

Tune: SOLID ROCK; William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; alt;

Tune: ST. ANNE; attr. William Croft, 1708