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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

September 5, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

### Prelude

Come All Christians, Be Committed

Tune: Beach Spring, Sacred Harp 1844; arr. Roger Wischmeier

The congregation stands to sing

### Hymn 451

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones Lasst Uns Erfreuen

### 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**.)

God of the ages, you call the church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom which your Spirit bestows, that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word and complete the work you have set before us through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.**

**We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.**

**We have not loved you with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We have not done justice, loved kindness or walked humbly with you, our God.  
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.**

**In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.**

**Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation  
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit....**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 298**            There's a Wideness in God's Mercy            In Babilone

**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

Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9-22-23

#### Psalm 125

Unison

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the Lord surrounds his people  
from this time on and forevermore.

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the righteous,  
so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good  
and to those who are upright in their hearts.

But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways  
the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

Peace be upon Israel!

**Musical Meditation** 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus William Kirkpatrick  
Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano            arr. Gary Lanier

### Epistle

James 2:1-17

### Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn**                        All the Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me; What have I to ask beside?

Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my Guide?

Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell!

For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;

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The congregation sits.

**Sermon**                        Doing All Things Well, Eventually                        Mike Krech

"They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'"                        Mark 7:37

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 466**                        O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing                        Azmon

**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**                        We Cannot Measure How You Heal  
Scottish tune: Ye Banks and Braes by John Bell

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592**                        Old Hundredth

### Benediction

**Hymn 415**                        Come, Labor On                        Ora Labora

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

**Postlude**                        O for a Thousand Tongues Medley  
Azmon and Azmon's Ghost; Charles Wesley/Mark Miller arr. Susan Steppe

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We continue in the long season after Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, also called Ordinary Time.

After a few weeks in John's Gospel we have returned to Mark for our Gospel readings.

The Old Testament lessons are from Proverbs and Epistle from James for the new few weeks. JMK

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!

Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers, Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises, Alleluia!

Thou bearer of the eternal Word, Most gracious, magnify the Lord.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, All saints triumphant, raise the song  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O friends in gladness, let us sing Supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: John Athelstan Laurie Riley, 1906

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN; *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; alt.

Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

### **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in God's justice, Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heaven;

There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader Than the measures of the mind;

And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, We would gladly trust God's Word;

And our lives reflect thanksgiving For the goodness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Tune: IN BABILONE; Dutch melody; Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

### **All the Way My Savior Leads Me**

All the way my Savior leads me; What have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my Guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;  
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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

Tune: ALL THE WAY; Robert Lowry, 1875

### **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

O for a thousand tongues to sing My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!  
Jesus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.  
Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, And sets the prisoner free;  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.  
My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1738, alt

Tune: AZMON; Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

### **Come, Labor On**

Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain  
While all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."  
Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share;  
To young and old the gospel gladness bear.  
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly, The night draws nigh.  
Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here.  
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's righteous will.  
Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done, well done!"

Text: Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1859; rev. 1863, alt.

Tune: ORA LABORA; Thomas Tertius Noble, 1918