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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

August 21, 2022

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Come We That Love the Lord (St. Thomas)

Aaron Williams, 1770; Arr. Michael Shea

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**.)

Eternal God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified, hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called us we may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Savior 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

Almighty and merciful God,

we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent,

according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,

that we may live a holy, just, and humble life

to the glory of your holy name ...

Silent Prayers of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 469 Morning Has Broken Bunessan

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 and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6 Unison

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to keep me safe,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and the cruel.

For you, O Lord, are my hope;
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

Upon you have I leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.

Anthem Give Me Jesus Traditional African-American
Arr. Fernando Ortega

Daniel Whitaker, soloist; Susan Steppe, accompaniment

Epistle Hebrews 12:18-29

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 325 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers
Nun Danket All Und Bringet Ehr

The congregation sits.

Gospel Luke 13:10-17

Sermon Set Free on the Sabbath Mike Krech

“And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” Luke 13:16

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 370 Just As I Am Woodworth

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 I Want to Be a Christian arr. Mary MacDonald
Please send the offering plate no farther than halfway across your row of seats and return it to the usher who gave the plate to you.

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 244 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind Monkland

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

Postlude O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Medley Tune: Azmon
Carl Gläzer and Mark A. Miller version; Arr. Susan Steppe

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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

Our Gospel readings from now until Advent begins on November 27 are from Luke.

The Old Testament readings are from the prophet Jeremiah.

The Epistle readings are from the letter to the Hebrews, and later, Philemon.

The liturgical color is green, emblematic of the growth in faith these lessons want us to achieve.

(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.

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken Like the first morning,

Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, Sunlit from heaven,

Like the first dew fall On the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

Sprung in completeness Where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning

Born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, Praise every morning,

God's re-creation Of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931;

Tune: BUNESSAN; Gaelic melody; Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Spirit divine, attend our prayer, And make this house Your home;
Descend with all Your gracious powers; O come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the light; to us reveal Our emptiness and woe;
And lead us in those paths of life Where all the righteous go.

Come as the fire and purge our hearts Like sacrificial flame;
Let our whole soul an offering be To our Redeemer's name.

Come as the dove and spread Your wings, The wings of peaceful love;
And let the church on earth become Blest as the church above.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers; Make a lost world Your home;
Descend with all Your gracious powers; O come, great Spirit, come!

Text: Andrew Reed, 1829; alt.

Tune: NUN DANKET ALL UND BRINGET EHR; Johann Crüger, 1647

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1834;

Tune: WOODWORTH; William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849;

Harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Let us with a gladsome mind Praise the Lord who is so kind:
For God's mercies shall endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all-commanding might, Filled the new-made world with light:
For God's mercies shall endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God does feed, With full measure meets their need:
For God's mercies shall endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us with a gladsome mind Praise the Lord who is so kind:
For God's mercies shall endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

Text: John Milton, 1623, alt; Tune: MONKLAND;

Freylinghausen's *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; Arr. John B. Wilkes, 1861

