

## CHURCH SESSION

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## Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

September 11, 2022

### The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Great Redeemer, We Adore Thee (Redentore)

Paolo Conte, 1936; arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

### 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**.)

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found. Touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love, grant us delight in the mercy that has found us, and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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 God, our heavenly Father: we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.**

**For the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**forgive us all our offenses,  
and grant that we may serve you**

**in newness of life to the glory of your Name ...**

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 78

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Martyrdom

**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 4:11-12,22-28

**Psalm 14** Unison

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds;  
there is no one who does good.

The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind  
to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse.

There is no one who does good, no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers,  
who eat up my people as they eat bread,  
and do not call upon the Lord?

There they shall be in great terror,  
for God is with the company of the righteous.

You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!

When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

**Anthem** My Tribute Andrae Crouch, 1972  
Sung by Daniel Whitaker

**Epistle** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 171** The King of Love My Shepherd Is St. Columba  
Stanzas 1,2,3

The congregation sits.

**Gospel** Luke 15:1-10

**Sermon** Lost but not Least Mike Krech  
"leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it."  
Luke 15:4b

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 387** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Bradbury

**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 Sykes

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 quietly and quickly now if necessary.

**Postlude** Immortal, Invisible (Welsh tune) arr. Don Wyrzten

**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 letters to Timothy.

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

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.  
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might.  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.  
To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish but naught changeth Thee.  
Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render, O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

Text: Walter Chambers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987;

Tune: ST. DENIO, Welsh folk melody, adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

### **Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die!  
Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I!  
Was it for sins that I have done He suffered on the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!  
Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut its glories in,  
When Christ, the great Redeemer died For human creatures' sin.  
But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'Tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707;

Tune: MARTYRDOM; Hugh Wilson, c. 1800; adapt. and harm. Robert Smith, 1825

### **The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His, And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me,  
And on His shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

Text: Henry Williams Baker, 1868;

Tune: ST. COLUMBA; Ancient Irish melody

### **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse and power to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
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Text: Thrupp's Hymns for the Young, 1836;

Tune: BRADBURY; William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859

### **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