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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

September 18, 2022

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda)
John Hughes, 1907; arr. Don Hustad

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 151 Crown Him with Many Crowns Diademata

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, you are rich in love for your people. Show us the treasure that endures, and, when we are tempted by greed, remind us of your lavish mercy, call us back into your service, and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails; 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 306 Fairest Lord Jesus Crusaders' Hymn

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

Epistle 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Psalm 113 Unison

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and even forevermore.**

**From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**The Lord is high above all nations
and God's glory above the heavens.**

**Who is like the Lord our God, seated on high,
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

**He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

**He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!**

Anthem Let the Whole Creation Cry Jay Althouse

Let the whole creation cry, Glory to the Lord on high. Heav'n and earth awake to sing,
Praise Him; He is our King. Praise Him, angels from above, ever bright and fair in love.

Sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars in God rejoice.

From the north to southern pole, let the mighty chorus roll,

Heav'nly angels, loud and strong, raise their voice in song.

Servants working for the Lord, prophets burning with His word,

all who work and all who wait, praise Him, for He is great

Men and women, young and old, know His glories manifold,

with one voice, this song we raise and sing His praise.

(-- Adapted from Psalm 148; Stopford Brooke, 1881; alt.)

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 392 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord Hall

The congregation sits.

Old Testament

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Sermon Balm in Gilead Mike Krech

“Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my
poor people not been restored?” Jeremiah 8:22

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 394 There Is a Balm in Gilead Balm in Gilead

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 Calls Us/ Jesus, Name Above All Names

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 417 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Regent Square

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

Postlude

Postlude on Coronation

Oliver Holden, 1793; arr. Jason D. Payne

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee.
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1851;

Tune: DIADEMATA; George Job Elvey, 1868

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of
spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shine purer, Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man.

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

Text: Münster *Gesangbuch*, 1677; Trans. *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850; alt.

Tune: CRUSADER'S HYMN; Silesian folk melody, in *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own;
Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;
Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;
Use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway;
Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to Thee – time, talent, all;
We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

Text: William H. Foulkes, st. 1-3, 1918; st. 4, c. 1920

Tune: HALL; Calvin Weiss Laufer, 1918

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again. (Repeat refrain)

Don't ever feel discouraged, For Jesus in your friend,
And if you lack for knowledge He'll not refuse to lend. (Repeat refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus And say, "He died for all." (Repeat refrain)

Text: African-American spiritual;

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD; African-American spiritual;

arr. Melva W. Costen, 1989; alt.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone.
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one.
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted loving-kindness Hear Your people as they pray,
And Your fullest benediction Shed within its walls away.

Here bestow on all Your servants What they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever With the blessed to retain,
And here-after in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run.

Text: 7th century Latin, Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972;
Tune: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Thomas Smart, 1867