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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

I Know Whom I Have Believed arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 138

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

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.)

Almighty God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ as the cornerstone. Gather your church in unity by your Holy Spirit, that it may manifest your power among all peoples to the glory of your name; 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, from the ends of the earth

you gather us around Christ's holy table.

Forgive our separate ways, the pride that prevents our true unity,

and everything that keeps us apart.

Have mercy on your church in its troubles and divisions.

Renew in us true unity of purpose, that we may break bread together,

and with one voice praise Jesus Christ our Lord ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 241 Behold the Goodness of the Lord Crimond

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 Lamentations 1:1-6

Psalms 37:1-9 Unison

**Do not fret because of the wicked, nor be envious of evildoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green plant.**

**Trust in the Lord and do good;
so you will live in the land and enjoy security.**

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

**He will make your vindication shine like the light
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

**Do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.**

Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret – it leads only to evil.

**For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.**

Anthem In You, We Are One Allen Pote, 1994

Is not this bread we break a sharing of Thy body? Is not this cup we bless a sharing of Thy blood? Though we are many, with You, Lord, we are one. Is not this bread we break Thy Spirit and Thy grace? Is not this wine we drink Thy tears in mercy shed? Is not this house a place of blessed sanctuary? Is not this day a time of love?

Epistle 2 Timothy 1:1-14

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 440 In Christ There Is No East or West McKee

The congregation sits.

Gospel Luke 17:5-10

Sermon The Least We Could Do Mike Krech
“... when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’” Luke 17:10

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 515 Now to Your Table Spread Love Unknown

Nicene Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether (Union Seminary) Harold Friedell

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

As directed by an usher, form a single line in the center aisle to receive the bread and consume it there; then move to an elder to receive the cup and drink from it there; then place empty cup in the basket.

Please give the person in front of you adequate time for a reverent Communion.

If you prefer, you may receive only the bread or only the cup.

The pastor and an elder will serve any who cannot come forward; please indicate by an uplifted hand.

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion and Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Austrian Hymn

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

Postlude Praise Him! Praise Him! Chester G. Allen; arr. Mary McDonald

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church as we celebrate **World Communion Sunday.**

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, as in *Hymns Written and Abridged*, 1827, alt;

Tune: NICAEA; John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

Behold the Goodness of the Lord

Behold the goodness of the Lord, How blest it is to be

A company of God's beloved, In holy unity.

Like precious oil upon the head, A healing for our strife,

It flows throughout our common bond, Refreshing all of life.

As dew on Zion's mountaintop Brings freshness to its door,

Our Lord commands this in our midst And brings life evermore.

Text: Psalm 133; Fred R. Anderson, 1986

Tune: CRIMOND; Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1872; Harm. T. C. L. Pritchard, 1929

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord, Close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God Are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east or west, In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him Throughout the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1908; alt.; Tune: MCKEE, African-American spiritual;
Jubilee Songs, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

Now to Your Table Spread

Now to Your table spread We come, each one, in faith
That You alone provide the words of life and death:
In wine and bread, In promised food We find Your loving heart, O God.

Hands of the world reach out Your mystery to touch
In longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,
To sing in joy, To cry in grief, To know Your meaning for our life.

Here is our commonwealth, In sharing what is good,
As though all humankind around one table stood,
This bread to break, This wine to taste: One people in the name of Christ.

Text: Shirley Elena Murray, 1987; Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN; John Ireland, 1918

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken, Formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them when they pray.

Text: John Newton, 1779; alt. Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN; Franz Joseph Haydn,
1797