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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

November 13, 2022

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude God of Our Fathers (National Hymn) George W. Warren, 1892
arr. Anna Laura Page

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**.)
God of the living, in the resurrection of Christ Jesus you have given us the promise
of life which death itself cannot destroy. In the strength of this unshakable promise,
give us a new heart to live, even now, as your new creation; through your Son, our
Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession Unison

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.**

You alone know how often we have sinned:

in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,

for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 106 Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks Alleluia No. 1

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 - Congregational Meeting

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

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Luke 20:27-38

Psalm 145:1-5,17-21 Unison

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

God's greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another

and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty

and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

God fulfills the desire of all who fear him;

he hears their cry and saves them.

The Lord watches over all who love him,

but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord

and all flesh will bless God's holy name forever.

Anthem Rejoice in the Lord Stan Pethel, 2003

Rejoice in the Lord, his praises proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name. The name all victorious of Jesus extol, his kingdom is glorious and rules over all. God rules from on high, almighty is he. We come unified, his servants are we. The great congregation his triumphs shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King. Salvation belongs to God and God alone. We honor him as he rules from heaven's throne. Tribute now we bring as praises we proclaim; with saints and angels we join exalting His name. Alleluia. Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might; all honor and blessing with angels above, with thanks never ceasing and infinite love. (--Based on a text by Charles Wesley)

Epistle

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 452 O Day of God, Draw Nigh St. Michael

The congregation sits.

Old Testament Haggai 2:1-9

Sermon The Splendor of Your Temple Mike Krech

"The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts."

Haggai 2:9a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 461 God Is Here Abbot's Leigh

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 Eternal Father, Strong to Save John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 564 O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies Materna

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

Postlude Battle Hymn of the Republic Organ and Brass

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

In these final Sundays of Ordinary Time, the lectionary lessons focus upon the coming advent season, the return of Christ, the hope of the resurrection, and the gift of eternal life. The Old Testament looks to the building of the second temple as the Jews return from their Exile in Babylon. We also take note of the national Veterans Day holiday. 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.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

(Refrain) Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ, Now we shall live forever.

Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior.

Text: Donald Fishel, 1973;

Tune: ALLELUIA NO. 1; Donald Fishel, 1973;

Arr. Betty Pulkingham and Donald Fishel, 1979

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

O day of God, draw nigh In beauty and in power,
Come with your timeless judgment now To match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds, Uncertain and afraid,
The quiet of a steadfast faith, Calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land, That all may dwell secure,
And finely build for days to come Foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife Your sovereign word of peace,
That war may haunt the earth no more And desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh As at creation's birth;
Let there be light again, and set Your judgments in the earth.

Text: Robert B. Y. Scott, 1937, 1939; alt. 1972

Tune: ST. MICHAEL; Genevan Psalter, 1551; adapt. William Crotch, 1836

God Is Here!

God is here! As we Your people Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure What it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us, All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit Into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit; Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, Here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome In the Shepherd's flock and fold,
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living To believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, In an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel, Help us work Your purpose out.
Here in this day's dedication, All we have to give, receive:
We, who cannot live without You, We adore You! We believe!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1979; rev. 1988;

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH; Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities glean, Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

Text: Katherine Lee Bates, 1893;

Tune: MATERNA; Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882