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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

January 15, 2023

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

### Prelude

The congregation stands to sing

### Hymn 486

When the Morning Stars Together

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### 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, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

The congregation sits.

### Confession of Sin

Unison

**Almighty and most merciful Father,**

**we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.**

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

**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 the promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

### Silent Prayers of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 466** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Azmon

**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** Isaiah 49:1-7

**Psalm 40:1-6,8-11** Unison

I waited patiently for the Lord, who inclined to me and heard my cry.

God drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog and  
set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

O Lord our God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds toward us.

None can compare with you.

If I proclaim and tell of them, they are more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, "Here I am. I delight to do your will;  
your law is within my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation.

I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart.

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.

I have not concealed your steadfast love,

nor your faithfulness from the great congregation.

O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me.

Let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

**Anthem** Joshua Fit De Battle of Jericho African-American Spiritual  
Bob Vawter, trombone; Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Lou Kehrl, bass

**Epistle** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
**Gospel** John 1:29-42

**Sermon** Here Is the Lamb of God Dr. LindaJo McKim  
"Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29b

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 412** Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds Forest Green

**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**

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592** Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Hymn 432** Song of Hope Argentina

Worshippers are invited to sit and conclude worship through the postlude.

Or, you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

**Postlude**

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### When the Morning Stars Together

When the morning stars together Their Creator's glory sang,  
And the angel host all shouted Till with joy the heavens rang,  
Then Your wisdom and Your greatness Their exultant music told,  
All the beauty and the splendor Which Your mighty works unfold.  
When in synagogue and temple Voices raised the psalmists' songs,  
Offering the adoration Which alone to You belongs,  
When the singers and the cymbals With the trumpet made accord,  
Glory filled the house of worship, And all knew your presence, Lord.  
Voice and instrument in union Through the ages spoke Your praise,  
Plainsong, tuneful hymns, and anthems Told Your faithful, gracious ways.  
Choir and orchestra and organ Each a sacred offering brought,  
While, inspired by Your own Spirit, Poet and composer wrought.  
Lord, we bring our gift of music; Touch our lips and fire our hearts,  
Teach our minds and train our senses, Fit us for these sacred arts.  
Then with skill and consecration We would serve You, Lord and give  
All our powers to glorify You, And in serving fully live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1969; alt.;

Tune: WEISSE FLAGGEN; as in *Tochter Zion*, Cologne, 1741

### O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!  
Jesus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.  
Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, And sets the prisoner free;  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.  
My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1738, alt.;

Tune: AZMON; Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

### **Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds**

Eternal God, whose power upholds Both flower and flaming star,  
To whom there is no here nor there, No time, no near nor far,  
No alien race, no foreign shore, No child unsought, unknown:  
O send us forth, Thy prophets true, To make all lands Thine own!

O God of love, whose Spirit wakes In every human breast,  
Whom love and love alone can know, In whom all hearts find rest:  
Help us to spread Thy gracious reign Till greed and hate shall cease,  
And kindness dwell in human hearts, And all the earth find peace.

O God of truth, whom science seeks And reverent souls adore,  
Who lightest every earnest mind Of every clime and shore:  
Dispel the gloom of error's night, Of ignorance and fear,  
Until true wisdom from above Shall make life's pathway clear.

O God of beauty, oft revealed In dreams of human art,  
In speech that flows to melody, In holiness of heart;  
Teach us to turn from sinfulness That shuts our hearts to Thee,  
Till all shall know the loveliness Of lives made fair and free!

O God of righteousness and grace, Seen in the Christ, Thy Son,  
Whose life and death reveal Thy face, By whom Thy will was done:  
Inspire Thy heralds of good news To live Thy life divine,  
Till Christ is formed in every heart, And every land is Thine!

Text: Henry Hallam Tweedy, 1929;

Tune: FOREST GREEN; English folk melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

### **Song of Hope**

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984;

Tune: ARGENTINA; Argentine folk melody