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Grace Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA),
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Grace Presbyterian Church Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

February 5, 2023

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude How Firm a Foundation (Early American melody) arr. Lana Kelley

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**.)
Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses to be light that shines in the world.
Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed
in 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.

Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin,

so that, as you come to us in mercy,

we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 454 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Liebster Jesu

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 58:1-12

Psalm 112

Unison

Praise the Lord.

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who delight greatly in God's commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses; their righteousness endures forever.

They rise in the darkness as a light to the upright;

they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,

who treat others with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid.

At the last they will look in triumph upon their foes.

They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor.

Their righteousness endures forever.

The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away.

The desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

Anthem No Eye Has Seen Paul Baloché and Ed Kerr; arr. Susan Steppe
No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what the Lord has prepared. But by His Spirit He has revealed His plan for those who love Him. We've been held by His everlasting love led with loving kindness by His hand. We have hope for the future yet to come. In time we'll understand the mystery of His plan

Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 434 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples Kingsfold

The congregation sits.

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

NaCl and Photons

Mike Krech

"You are the salt of the earth; ... You are the light of the world."

Matthew 5:13a,14a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 310 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee St. Agnes

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 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Tune:Houston)

Setting: John A. Behnke

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

You may come by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup from the pastor and elders.

OR you may go to the tables to the left or right, eat the bread and drink from a cup there.

In either case:

Please observe physical distancing of six feet as you come to the tables.

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

Place the empty cup in the basket provided. All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion and Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 426 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak Canonbury

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 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Tunes: Nettleton, Warrenton; Repository of Sacred Music, 1813; Sacred Harp) arr. Anna Laura Page

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

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Blessed Jesus, at Your word We are gathered all to hear You;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You;
By Your teachings true and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.
All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
Till Your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded;
You alone to God can win us, You must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, Yourself impart! Light of light, from God proceeding,
Open now our ears and heart, Help us by Your Spirit's pleading;
Hear the cry that we are raising; Hear and bless our prayers and praising.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt. 1972
Tune: LIEBSTER JESU; Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664; Harm. J.S. Bach; alt.

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Today we all are called to be Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free, Make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first, Our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth Ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth, Responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud, We sow not peace but strife,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town To cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for A harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God Act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we Give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be Disciples of the Lord.

Text: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985;

Tune: KINGSFOLD; *English Country Songs*, 1893;

arr. and harm Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Jesus, the very thought of Thee With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see, And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing nor heart can frame, Nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show:
The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, As Thou our prize will be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now, And through eternity.

Text: Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153); trans. Edward Caswall, 1849; alt. 1987;

Tune: ST. AGNES; John Bacchus Dykes, 1866

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Lord, speak to me that I may speak In living echoes of Thy tone;

As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thyne erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead The wandering and the wavering feet;

O feed me, Lord, that I may feed Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The precious things Thou dost impart;

And wing my words that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, Until my very heart o'er flow

In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;

Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872;

Tune: CANONBURY; Robert Schumann, 1839