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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

**June 11, 2023**

**First Sunday after Trinity**

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

### Prelude

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Lana Kelley

The congregation stands to sing

### Hymn 488

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

## 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, give us such a vision of your purpose and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

## Prayer of Confession

Unison

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,**

**whose face is hidden from us by our sins,**

**and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:**

**Cleanse us from all our offenses,**

**and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,**

**that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,**

**confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,**

**and finding in you our refuge and strength;**

**through Jesus Christ your Son. ...**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon



## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **The God of Abraham Praise**

The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;  
The ancient of eternal days, The God of love!  
The Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heaven confessed,  
We bow before Your holy name, Forever blessed.

Your spirit still flows free, High surging where it will;  
In prophet's word You spoke of old, And You speak still.  
Established is Your law, And changeless it shall stand,  
Deep writ upon the human heart, On sea or land.

You have eternal life Implanted in the soul;  
Your love shall be our strength and stay, While ages roll.  
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;  
The first, the last, beyond all thought, And still the same.

Text: Daniel ben Judah, 1404; Trans. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1885, alt.;  
Tune: LEONI; Hebrew melody, Adapt. Thomas Olivers and Meyer Lyon, 1770

### **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge – Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, c. 1855;

Tune: CONVERSE; Charles Crozat Converse, 1868

**Jesus Calls Us** – words can be found in the bulletin

### **O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go**

O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe, That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee:  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

Text: George Matheson, 1882; Tune: ST. MARGARET; Albert Lister Peace, 1884

### **How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said that to you God hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.  
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

Text: “K” in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787; Ed. John Rippon; alt.

Tune: FOUNDATION; American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832