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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 The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 403 What a Friend We Have in Jesus Converse

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 Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 33:1-12

Unison

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp.

Sing to God a new song; play skillfully on the strings with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright; all God's work is done in faithfulness.

God loves righteousness and justice.

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,

and all their host by the breath of God's mouth.

God gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle

and put the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of God.

For God spoke and it came to be. God commanded and it stood firm.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing,

frustrating the plans of the people.

The counsel of the Lord stands forever,

the thoughts of God's heart to all generations.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,

the people God chose for a heritage.

Anthem Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus W. J. Kirkpatrick, 1882 Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano arr. Gary Lanier

Epistle Romans 4:13-25

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn Jesus Calls Us Galilee

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea,

Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, Saying, "Christian, follow Me."

Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store, From each idol that would keep us, Saying, "Christian, love Me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease, Still He calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us, by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call, Give our hearts to Thine obedience, Serve and love Thee best of all.

(Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852; Tune: William Jude, 1887)

The congregation sits.

Gospel Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Sermon Mike Krech

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 384 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go St. Margaret **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 I Danced in the Morning (Shaker Tune) arr. Wilbur Held

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 361 How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

Worshipers 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 On Llanfair Robert Williams, 1817; Albert Travis Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church. In the long season of Sundays after Trinity Sunday, also called Ordinary Time, we will read semi-continuously in Matthew's Gospel, from chapter 9 and following. The Epistle readings are from Romans and the Old Testament from Genesis. We seek to grow in our Christian faith, so green is the liturgical color. JMK

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