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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

June 25, 2023

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** This Is My Father's World (Terra Patris) Franklin Sheppard, 1915  
Arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 464** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Hymn to Joy

## 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**.)

Pour out upon us, O God, the power and wisdom of your spirit, that we may walk with Christ the way of the cross, offering ourselves for your service to show forth to the world our hope in your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 276** Great Is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

**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 21:8-21

**Psalms 86:1-10,16-17** Unison

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life for I am devoted to you.

Save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you I cry all day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant; for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my trouble, I call on you, for you will answer me.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made  
shall come and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant.

Save the child of your serving girl.

Show me a sign of your favor that those who hate me may see it  
and be put to shame,  
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

**Anthem** Service Medley: What Does the Lord Require of You Jim Strathdee  
Together We Serve Daniel Charles Damon

**Epistle** Romans 6:1b-11

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 495** We Know That Christ Is Raised Engelberg

The congregation sits.

**Gospel** Matthew 10:24-39

**Sermon** Conflict and the Gospel Mike Krech

“Whoever loves father or mother . . . son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”

Matthew 10:37

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 357** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee Maryton

**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** His Eye Is On the Sparrow Charles Hutchison Gabriel

God Will Take Care of You Walter Stillman Martin

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592** Old Hundredth

### Benediction

**Hymn 475** O That I Had a Thousand Voices

O Dass Ich Tausand Zungen Hatte

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** On Old Hundredth Fred Bock

**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. 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

### **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sun-ward In the triumph song of life.

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt;

Tune: HYMN TO JOY; Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges; alt.

### **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

Text: Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923;

Tune: FAITHFULNESS; William Marion Runyan, 1923

### **We Know That Christ Is Raised**

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death He broke its fearful hold;  
And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in His saving death.  
Reborn we share with Him an Easter life  
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.  
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows  
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

Text: John Brownlow Geyer, 1969;

Tune: ENGELBERG; Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

### **O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience, still with Thee In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way;  
In peace that only Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1879;

Tune: MARYTON; Henry Percy Smith, 1874

### **O That I Had a Thousand Voices**

O that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me!

O all you powers that God implanted, Arise, keep silence now no more;  
Put forth the strength that God has granted! Your noblest work is to adore!  
O soul and body, join to raise With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise!

You forest leaves so green and tender That dance for joy in summer air,  
You meadow grasses, bright and slender, You flowers so fragrant and so fair,  
You live to show God's praise alone. Join me to make God's glory known!

All creatures that have breath and motion, That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,  
Come, share with me my heart's devotion, Help me to sing God's praises high!  
My utmost powers can never quite Declare the wonders of God's might!

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1704; Trans. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941; alt.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE;

Attr. Johann Balthasar König, 1738; *Harmonischer Liederschatz*, 1738