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Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

July 9, 2023

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Celebration Medley: Praise Him in the Morning *with*
When Morning Gilds the Skies arr. Dan Wyrzten

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 210 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past St. Anne

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 Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children, we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession 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 341 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine Assurance

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 24:34-38,42-49,58-67

Psalms 45:10-17

Unison

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;

forget your people and your father's house, and
the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him.

The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people, with all kinds of wealth.

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes.

In many-colored robes she is led to the king;
behind her, the maidens, her companions, follow.

With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.

In the place of ancestors, you, O king, shall have sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.

I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;
therefore, the peoples will praise you forever and ever.

Anthem

Blessed Be the Name

Bob Vawter, trombone; Susan Steppe, piano

Epistle

Romans 7:15-25

Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

Sermon

The Yoke's on You

Mike Krech

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you will find rest for your souls."

Matthew 11:29

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 179 God Is My Strong Salvation Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben

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 Sentence

Offertory

One Bread, One Body

John B. Foley

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 minister and elders.

OR you may go to the table to the left and eat the bread and drink from a cup there.

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.

Hymn 506

Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness

Schmücke Dich

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion and Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and quickly now if necessary.

Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Nettleton)

arr. Jason D. Payne

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

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home.

Text: Psalm 90:1-5; Isaac Watts, 1719; alt;

Tune: ST. ANNE; attr. William Croft, 1708

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long (Repeat)

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
(Refrain)

Text: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873; Tune: ASSURANCE; Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873

God Is My Strong Salvation

God is my strong salvation; What foe have I to fear?

In peril and temptation My light, my help, is near.

Though hosts encamp around me, Firm to the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me, With God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance, My soul, with courage, wait;
God's truth be thine affiance, When faint and desolate.

God's might thy heart shall strengthen, God's love thy joy increase;
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; The Lord will give thee peace.

Text: James Montgomery, 1822; alt. 1988

Tune: CHRISTUS DER IST MEIN LEBEN; Melchior Vulpius, 1609

Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness

Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness, Leave behind all gloom and sadness;
Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render
Unto God, whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous banquet founded;
Come, for now the Lord most holy Stoops to you in likeness lowly.

Sun, who all my life does brighten; Light, who does my soul enlighten;
Joy, Your wondrous gift bestowing; Fount, from which all good is flowing;
At Your feet I cry, my Maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory given.

Jesus, source of life and pleasure, Truest friend and dearest treasure,
By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited.
From this banquet let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
Through the gifts that here You give me, As Your guest in heaven receive me.

Text: Johann Franck (1618-1677);

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, and John Casper Martes, 1913; alt.

Tune: SCHMÜCKE DICH; Johann Crüger, 1649

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story; Brings its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces, Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, That we fail not them nor Thee!

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving Thee whom we adore.

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.;

Tune: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1907