

CHURCH SESSION

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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

January 21, 2024

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Lobe Den Herren)
Arr. Diane Bish

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**.)

Loving God, through your Son, you have called us to repent of our sins, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom. Like Christ's first apostles, may we hear his call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.

In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone.

And so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing
Hymn 197 My Soul in Silence Waits for God Cheshire

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

Epistle 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Psalm 62:5-12 Unison

For God alone my soul in silence waits, for my hope is from him.

God alone is my rock and my salvation; my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;

my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in God at all times, O people;

pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion.

In the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

Put no confidence in extortion and set no vain hopes on robbery.

If riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice I have heard this: power belongs to God.

Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

You repay all according to their work.

Anthem Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr. Brian Buda

Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano

Old Testament Jonah 3:1-5,10-4:2

Gospel Mark 1:14-20

Sermon I Knew It! Dr. LindaJo McKim

“... for I knew you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing.”
Jonah 4:2

The congregation stands to sing
Hymn 323 Loving Spirit Omni Die

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 The Turtle Dove Hugh Livingston, Jr.

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,
or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and quickly now if necessary.

Postlude All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Miles Lane and Coronation)
Arr. Dennis R. Johnson

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Great thanks to Dr. LindaJo McKim for leading worship and preaching today.

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

My Soul in Silence Waits for God

My soul in silence waits for God, Who my own hope has proved.
A rock and stronghold is my God, I never shall be moved.

In God alone my honor rests, Who brings deliverance sure;
My rock of strength is found in God, My refuge most secure.

All people are but vanity, The best of us a lie;
Both high and low estate combined Are lighter than a sigh.

In your own strength then, place no hope, For riches have no lust;
Though for a moment they appeal, They are not worth your trust.

For truly God has spoken once, And twice to me made known:
That strength and power belong to God, And unto God alone.

For so it is that sovereign grace Belongs to You, O Lord;
For You according to our work Shall everyone reward.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912; alt. Fred R. Anderson, 1984
Tune: CHESHIRE; Este's *Psalmes*, 1592; As in *Song of Syon*, 1910

Loving Spirit

Loving Spirit, Holy Spirit, You have chosen me to be;
You have drawn me to Your wonder, You have set Your sign on me.

Like a mother You enfold me, Hold my life within Your own,
Feed me with Your very body, Form me of Your flesh and bone.

Like a father You protect me, Teach me the discerning eye,
Hoist me up upon Your shoulder, Let me see the world from high.

Loving Spirit, in Your closeness I am known and held and blest:
In Your promise is my comfort, In Your presence I may rest.

Text: Shirley Elena Murray, 1987;

Tune OMNI DIE; Corner's *Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch*, 1631;

Arr. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895)

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