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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

January 28, 2024

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

### Prelude

Come We That Love the Lord                      Michael Shea  
(based on the tune St. Thomas)

The congregation stands to sing

### Hymn 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies                      Laudes Domini

## 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.**)

Living God, you make all things. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; 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

**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 179

God Is My Strong Salvation

Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben

**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

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

### Psalm 111

Unison

**Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

**Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

**Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord,  
whose righteousness endures forever.**

**God has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

**God provides food for those who fear him, ever mindful of his covenant.**

**God has shown his people the power of his works,  
giving them the heritage of the nations.**

**The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.**

**They are established forever and ever,**

**to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

**God sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.**

**Holy and awesome is God's name.**

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;**

**those who practice it have a good understanding.**

**God's praise endures forever.**

**Anthem** Lord, Be with Us on This Day Jay Althouse, 1995,2014

Lord, be with us on this day; and in Thy presence may we evermore adore Thee; and Lord, be near and show Thy way, that we may follow in the path You choose. Lord, be with us on this day, as with a humble heart we raise our mortal voices; and Lord, let us not go astray for we are ever filled with doubt and with temptation. Help us, O Lord, to understand all Thy ways both great and small. Lead us this day, O Lord, we humble pray, so that we may heed Thy call. Amen.

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 426** Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak Canonbury

The congregation sits.

## Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

## Sermon

One With Authority

Mike Krech

“They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’” Mark 1:27

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 372** Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

**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** Lord Jesus, Think on Me (Tune: Southwell, 1579)

James Southbridge

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Hymn 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

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

**Postlude**

Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand (Tune: Truro)

Lani Smith

## Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We are in a short season of Sundays after the Epiphany, in which our Gospel readings have described Jesus' baptism, the call of the first disciples, and the early days of Jesus' ministry of preaching and healing. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. JMK

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **When Morning Gilds the Skies**

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round In joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky From depth to height reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song Through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, c. 1800; Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI; Joseph Barnby, 1868

### **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 affianced, 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

### **Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak**

Lord, speak to me that I may speak In living echoes of Thy tone;  
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thine erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead The wandering and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The precious things Thou dost impart;  
And wing my words that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, Until my very heart o'er flow  
In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;  
Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872;

Tune: CANONBURY; Robert Schumann, 1839

### **Lord, I Want to Be a Christian**

Lord, I want to be a Christian In-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving In-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy In-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus In-a my heart.

Text: African American Spiritual;

Tune: I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN; African-American Spiritual

### **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down.

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast.

Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;

Suddenly return and never, Never-more Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;

Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;

Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747;

Tune: HYFRYDOL; Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831