

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

February 4, 2024

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in A minor J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.**)

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses to be light shining in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the 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

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 270

O God, in a Mysterious Way

Dundee

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

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11,20c

Unison

**Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God,
for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

God heals the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds.

God determines the number of the stars, giving to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord and abundant in power.

God's understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

God covers the heavens with clouds,

prepares rain for the earth,

makes grass grow on the hills.

God gives to the animals their food and to the young ravens when they cry.

God's delight is not in the strength of the horse,

nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner.

But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who hope in his steadfast love. Praise the Lord!

Anthem We Cannot Measure How You Heal John Bell & Graham Maule

We cannot measure how You heal or answer ev'ry sufferer's prayer, yet we believe Your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds are present as if meant to last. But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside the memories that haunt the mind. So some have come who need Your help and some have come to make amends, as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind, and soul, to disentangle peace from pain and make your broken people whole.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 380

O Christ, the Healer

Erhalt Uns, Herr

The congregation sits.

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

Sermon

What Lifts Us Up?

Mike Krech

“Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.

He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up.”

Mark 1:30-31a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 411

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Festal Song

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

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas c. 1977

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 430

Come Sing, O Church in Joy

Darwall's 148th

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

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

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

Fanny Crosby, William H. Doane, 1875

Arr. Don Hustad (1918-2013)

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

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.

O God, in a Mysterious Way

O God, in a mysterious way Great wonders You perform;
You plant Your footsteps in the sea And ride upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines Of never-failing skill
You treasure up Your bright designs And work Your sovereign will.

O fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break In blessings on your head.

Our unbelief is sure to err And scan Your work in vain;
You are Your own interpreter, And You will make it plain.

Text: William Cowper, 1774; alt.

Tune: DUNDEE; Scottish Psalter, 1615; arr. Thomas Ravenscroft, 1621

O Christ, the Healer

O Christ, the healer, we have come To pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored, When reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures Our bodies clamor to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess That wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires, How weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths Unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health We recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills: Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith, In Your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us, Shall reach the whole of humankind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1969;

Tune: ERHALT, UNS HERR; Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543;

Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1725

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty, Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, 1974;

Tune: FESTAL SONG; William H. Walter, 1894

Come, Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Come, sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend, Let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come, sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Text: Brian Dill, 1988;

Tune: DARWALL'S 148th; John Darwall, 1770