

# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God

July 19, 2020

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** Praise to the Lord, the King of Creation    Tune: Lobe Den Herren  
arr. Diane Bish

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 263**                      Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise                      St. Denio

## 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**.)  
Eternal God, Author of our life and End of our pilgrimage: Guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, nor stumble in the darkness, but may finish our course in safety, and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who 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 269**

O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand

Dundee

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Passing of the Peace** (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament**

Genesis 28:10-19a

**Psalms 139:1-12,23-24**

Unison

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall guide me,  
your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"

even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 544**

Day Is Done

Ar Hyd Y Nos

The congregation sits.

**Epistle**

Romans 8:12-25

**Gospel**

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

**Sermon**

Sorting It All Out

Mike Krech

“The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.’” Matthew 13:28b-29

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 489**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

**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**

Amazing Grace

arr. Paul Curnow

Rickie Cooke, euphonium; Bob Vawter, trombone, Susan Steppe, organ

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Hymn 551**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George’s, Windsor

**Postlude**

On Old Hundredth

arr. Fred Bock

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We are in the season of Sundays after Trinity Sunday, also called Ordinary Time.

Our Old Testament readings are following the stories of the Patriarchs in Genesis.

The Epistle readings are from Romans, the Gospel readings from Matthew.

The liturgical color is green, emblematic of the growth these lessons lead us to receive.

## **CHURCH SESSION**

### **Class of 2020**

Rosemary Gordon  
Brooks Keiser  
Elizabeth Velazquez

### **Class of 2021**

Rickie Cooke  
Anna Tate  
Janet Vawter

### **Class of 2022**

Kevin Bopp  
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