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Worships God

August 9, 2020

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

O Worship the King Tune: Lyons
attr. Johann Michael Haydn, arr. Stan Pethel
Bob Vawter, trombone Susan Steppe, organ

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

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**.)
Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purpose;
that we, who cannot exist without you, may, be enabled through you to live according
to your will; 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 greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 37:1-4,12-28

Psalms 105:1-3,16-22,45b Unison

O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name.

Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

When God summoned famine against the land

and broke every staff of bread,

God had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron;

until what God had said came to pass,

the word of the Lord kept testing him.

The king sent and released him;

the ruler of the people set him free.

He made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions,

to instruct his officials at his pleasure

and to teach his elders wisdom. **Praise the Lord.**

Epistle Romans 10:5-17

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less Solid Rock

The congregation sits.

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon Walking Toward Jesus Mike Krech

“Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’” Mt. 14:28

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 404 Precious Lord, Take My Hand Precious Lord

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 Come, We That Love the Lord Tune: St. Thomas;

Aaron Williams, 1770; arr. Michael Shea

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 562 Eternal Father, Strong to Save Melita

The congregation sits.

Postlude Llanfair Robert Williams, 1816;
arr. Albert L. Travis

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. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Text: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843 Tune: MADRID; Spanish folk melody;
arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824; Harm. David Evans, 1927

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name: Refrain

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne. Refrain

Text: Edward Mote, c. 1834;

Tune: SOLID ROCK; William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A Dorsey, 1938

Tune: PRECIOUS LORD; George N. Allen, 1844; arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word The wind and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep, And calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood Upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bade its angry tumult cease, And gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, All travelers guard in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1860; alt.

Tune: MELITA; John Bacchus Dykes, 1861