

Grace Presbyterian Church

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)