

Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God

August 16, 2020

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Just a Closer Walk

arr. James Curnow

Bob Vawter, trombone; Rickie Cooke, baritone horn Susan Steppe, piano

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott Wir Loben Dich

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**.)

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 347 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive Detroit

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 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Unison

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity.

It is like precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 241 Behold the Goodness of the Lord Crimond

The congregation sits.

Epistle

Romans 11:1-2a,29-32

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon

Excuse Me, Who Are You Again?

Mike Krech

“Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ But he did not answer her at all.”
Matthew 15:22-23a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 358 Help Us Accept Each Other Baronita

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 and Fill Our Hearts (Confitemini Domino)
Jacques Berthier (Taize)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 538 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
Sicilian Mariners

The congregation sits.

Postlude Coronation arr. Jason Payne

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)