

## CHURCH SESSION

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## Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

September 27, 2020

In the sanctuary and live-streamed

### The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** Give to Our God Immortal Praise (Duke Street) John Hatton, 1793  
arr. Wilbur Held

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 229** From All That Dwell Below the Skies Lasst Uns Erfreuen

### 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**.)

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; 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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father:**

we have sinned against you through our own fault,  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses,

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life to the glory of your Name ...

### Silent Prayers of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 454** Blessed Jesus, at Your Word Liebster Jesu

**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, Announcements, and a Word to Children**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament**

Exodus 17:1-7

**Psalms 78:1-4,12-16**

Unison

**Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;**

**incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

**I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,  
things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.**

**We will not hide them from their children.**

**We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord,**

**God's might, and the wonders God has done.**

**In the sight of their ancestors God worked marvels  
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.**

**God divided the sea and let them pass through it  
and made the waters stand like a heap.**

**In the daytime God led them with a cloud,  
and all night long with a fiery light.**

**God split rocks open in the wilderness  
and gave them drink, abundantly as from the deep,  
making streams come out of the rock  
and waters flow down like rivers.**

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 356** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Nettleton

The congregation sits.

**Epistle**

Philippians 2:1-13

**Gospel**

Matthew 21:23-32

## Sermon

In the Midst of All Things

Mike Krech

“He called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord,  
saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’”

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 339** Be Thou My Vision Slane

**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**

Canon in D

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Rickie Cooke, Baritone Horn; Bob Vawter, Trombone

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Hymn 306**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

Worshippers are invited to sit and conclude worship through the postlude.

Or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and briskly.

**Postlude**

Rejoice, the Lord is King (Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>) John Darwall, 1770

Arr. Jason D. 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 from Exodus.

The Epistle readings are from Philippians, 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

### **From All That Dwell Below the Skies**

From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song, To every land the strains belong:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise And fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN;

*Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; alt. Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

### **Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

Blessed Jesus, at Your word We are gathered all to hear You;

Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You;

By Your teachings true and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded,

Till Your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded;

You alone to God can win us, You must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, Yourself impart! Light of light, from God proceeding,

Open now our ears and heart, Help us by Your Spirit's pleading;

Hear the cry that we are raising; Hear and bless our prayers and praising.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt. 1972

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU; Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664; Harm. J.S. Bach; alt.

### **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, c. 1758

Tune: NETTLETON; Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

### **Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me  
Lord; Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Ancient Irish poem; Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Tune: SLANE; Irish ballad; Harm. David Evans, 1927

### **Fairest Lord Jesus**

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God to earth come down,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of  
spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shine purer, Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Text: Münster *Gesangbuch*, 1677; Trans. *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850; alt.

Tune: CRUSADER'S HYMN; Silesian folk melody, in *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842