

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

Stewardship Reflections

Rickie Cooke

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

Unison

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion, exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity.

You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests;

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them;

you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

for the Lord our God is holy.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands;

Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,

All for sin could not atone, Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;

Naked, come to Thee for dress, Helpless look to Thee for grace;

Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

**While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me; Let me hide myself in Thee.**

(-- text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; tune: Thomas Hastings, 1830)

The congregation sits.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

Where Has God Been?

Mike Krech

“...and while my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Exodus 33:22-23

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

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

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

William Kirkpatrick

arr. Timothy Nelson

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 442

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

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

Or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and briskly.

Postlude

They Will Know We Are Christians

Fr. Peter Scholtes

arr. William Held

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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

We are also observing stewardship season.

Our Old Testament readings are from Exodus.

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

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