

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

October 18, 2020

In the sanctuary and live-streamed

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Great Is Thy Faithfulness William Marion Runyan, 1923
Rickie Cooke, Baritone horn Arr. Brian Buda

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 235 With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim Gonfalon Royal

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 and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy that your church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 428 We Give Thee but Thine Own Schumann

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)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim

With joy I heard my friends exclaim, "Come, let us in God's temple meet."
Within thy gates, O Zion blest, Shall ever stand our willing feet.

How beautiful doth Zion stand, A city built compact and fair;
The people of the Lord unite With joy and praise to worship there.

They come to learn the will of God, To pay their vows, God's grace to own,
For there is judgment's royal seat, Messiah's sure and lasting throne.

For Zion's peace let prayer be made; May all that love thee prosper well!
Within thy walls let peace abide, And gladness with thy children dwell.

For love of friends and kindred dear, My heart's desire in Zion's peace,
And for the house of God, the Lord, My loving care shall never cease. Alleluia!

Text: Psalm 122 *The Psalter*, 1912; alt.

Tune: GONFALON ROYAL; Percy C. Buck, 1918

We Give Thee but Thine Own

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give.

To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lonely in distress, Is angels' work below.

The captive to release, To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace – It is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe Thy word, Though dim our faith may be;
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

Text: William Walsham How, c. 1858;

Tune: SCHUMANN; Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1858

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (The text of this hymn is in the worship bulletin.)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers:
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1782;

Tune: DENNIS; Johann Georg Nägeli (1773-1836) arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation, By water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, May live eternally.

Text: Samuel John Stone, 1866; alt.

Tune: AURELIA; Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864