

Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God

January 17, 2021

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Today's worship is online only

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Precious Lord, Take My Hand (Maitland)

Attrib. George Nelson Allen, 1844; arr. Stephen DeCesare

Bob Vawter, trombone; Rickie Cooke, baritone horn

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 489 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty Unser Herrscher

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**.)

Eternal God, your Son, Jesus Christ, now exalted as Lord of all, pours out his gifts on the church. Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; 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.

Confession of Sin

Unison

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.**

You alone know how often we have sinned:

in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,

for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior ...

**Silent Prayers of Confession
Assurance of Pardon**

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

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**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel

John 1:43-51

Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

Unison

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

**You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord; you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

**For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

**My frame was not hidden from you when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

**In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God. How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them – they are more than the sand;

I come to the end – I am still with you.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 525

Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am, Lord

The congregation sits.

Old Testament

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Sermon

Accepting Bad News

Mike Krech

“Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

1 Samuel 3:14

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 391

Take My Life and Let It Be

Hendon

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

Give Me Jesus

arr. Fernando Ortego

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 563

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

Postlude

Spiritual Medley

arr. Susan Steppe

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

The season after Epiphany continues with the theme of God’s call to hear, follow, and serve, in the examples of Samuel and Nathanael. We also take note of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday with instrumental music and the final hymn from the Black spiritual experience in America.

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