



***...See, I am setting
a plumb line
in the midst of my
people Israel;
I will never again
pass them by...***

Amos 7:8



Grace First
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Together – Worshipping, Witnessing, Working



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 11, 2021

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

As you prepare for worship today you are invited to light a candle in your worship space or gaze upon the Christ candle in the Sanctuary to center yourself for the worship of God.

Prelude

Richard Proulx

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

***Call to Worship (Responsive)**

People of God, we gather to worship.

**With joy, we lift the gates of our souls, we
open the doors of our minds**

for the God of creation to enter,

the Lord our God, maker of heaven and earth

the God whose love is boundless.

We worship the God who blesses.

***Prayer of Invocation**

From everlasting to everlasting, you, O Lord, are our God. You reassure us of your loving presence in ways that reveal your mystery and grace. We have gathered here to worship you and give thanks; for all that you are, all that you have done, and all that you will make known to us. Come along side us in this hour and fill us with your Spirit. Amen.

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!



1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,



pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior



all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my



song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

MUSIC: Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873

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ASSURANCE
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Children's Moment

Children's Worship

Call to Confession

God's mercy is powerful and life altering. God's transforming grace abounds and offers us forgiveness. Let us join in one voice in the prayer of confession followed by our own time of silent confession.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mysterious power, we ask for forgiveness for many things: for those times when we use religion for our own selfish purposes; for days when we worship you with solemn attitudes and monotones; for offering you few expressions of joy in our daily lives. Forgive us, we pray, and open our spirits to your creative, energetic, and vital presence in our midst.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

God is gracious and good, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. As far as the east is from the west, so far will God remove our transgressions from us.

Thanks be to God, who does not deal with us according to our brokenness but has compassion on us.

Prayer of Illumination

Holy God, send us your Spirit, that these words might speak to us as your word, and our lives bear witness to the good news. Amen.

The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

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Seek Ye First

Descant


Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and seek, and its righ - teous - ness,
 but by you shall find;
 ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.



The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4, emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2-3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.;

Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee

MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971

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Second Reading

Amos 7:7-15

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Rev. David Slyter

838 Standing on the Promises



1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,



through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,



glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison) The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer for the People and Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

[Call to Stewardship](#) (click here to be directed to our online giving)

All we have comes from God and we are called to offer back a portion of all we have to God. With grateful and giving hearts, let us receive this morning's offerings of time, talents, and monies.

Offertory

Otto Dienel

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

Congregational Response Hymn 606 *Old Hundredth* Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Thank you, O God, for the opportunity we have to be in ministry with you. Thank you that no matter how large or small, our gifts do make a difference. All you ask is that we trust and give from our bounty. Bless these gifts we lovingly bring before you. Amen.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie

MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

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AMAZING GRACE

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Benediction

Let there be no mistake about who you are, or whose you are. Named and claimed, go forth from this place to honor Jesus in your words and actions. Amen.

The Peace of Christ (Responsive)

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

Postlude

David German

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

Today’s Liturgy has been adapted from:

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 No. 3 Book of Common Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Organist—Today we welcome guest Organist, Joshua Lang. Joshua has played for us in years past. He is a TCU graduate in organ and currently lives in Haslet.

Guest Speaker—This Tuesday the Social Justice Ministry invite you to join the church as we welcome July's Speaker, Joanna Kim. Find more about Joanna and resources for the discussion on our website.

SYNOD—July 14-16th, six youth and three adults from GFPC will be attending a modified version of Synod at St. Andrew Presbyterian church. We are excited about the event even though we are still not in Tulsa and excited for youth being able to get together for the experience. Please keep St. Andrew and three folks from Amarillo along with our participants in your prayers for a fun filled and learning conference.

All Church Picnic—CE invites you to a intergenerational all church picnic at the Smith's home. Please sign-up thru Church Matters to let us know you will be attending.

These Days—Daily Devotionals are available on the table in the Narthex.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 11

9:00 AM	Sunday School Classes
10:40 AM	Morning Worship, Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Christian Ed, Library & Zoom
5:00 PM	Youth Group at GFPC

Monday, July 12

5:00 PM	Worship & Music, Library & Zoom
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Tuesday, July 13

12:30 PM	Communications, Library & Zoom
6:30 PM	SJ Guest Speaker Joanna Kim

Wednesday, July 14

11:00 AM	Board of Trustees, Library & Zoom
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Sunday, July 18

9:00 AM	Sunday School Classes
10:40 AM	Morning Worship, Sanctuary
	No Youth Group