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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Trinity Sunday

We welcome you to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church. We are currently pre-recording our worship service so that you can worship when it is most convenient for you. We pray the worship experience will allow you to focus on your relationship with God and how God is calling you to live as faithful disciples in the world. You will find the liturgy of the service laid out as it would normally be when we gather for worship in the sanctuary. Let us worship God!

## **Prelude**

Lobe Den Herren  
arr. Karen Buckwalter

“Praise to the Lord”

Sanctuary Handbells, 2009

## **Call to Worship**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you as we come to worship today.

## **Prayer of Invocation**

Holiness, Word, Power, you reveal yourself as one God in three persons, a mighty, creative, life-generating dancer who invites your creation to join you. Catch us up in your love and lead us into your world to call others to follow you with rejoicing. Amen.

## Hymn 19

## God of Great and Small

## 19 God of Great and God of Small

C F C F G

1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,  
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,

C F C Am G Dsus D G

God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,  
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,  
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

## Refrain

Am Em F C/E Dm G C

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Refrain

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

## **Call to Confession**

Creation displays the glory of God, but our sin keeps us from rejoicing in the love God reveals. Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross, and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us so that we can praise God, our Maker, Savior, and Sustainer. Let us confess our sins, that we may receive such grace.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for your mercy because you are merciful. Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal Now, lead us to your truth; Risen One, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone, God who is Trinity...

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

The Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer of all the world, and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life forgets the sins of all who repent. I declare to you, therefore, that you are forgiven, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all.

## **Prayer of Illumination**

Sing into our ears, O Spirit, the holy word of life. Tell us who we are and to whom we belong so that we may live with gratitude for all that you have done. Amen.

## First Reading

Psalm 8

The word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

## Music Ministry

Anna Laura Page

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”  
Sanctuary Choir, 2009

O God, our help in ages past,  
O God, our hope for years to come,  
God, our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home!  
Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting Thou art God,  
to endless year the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.  
Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
O God, our hope for years to come,  
from everlasting Thou art God  
to endless years the same!  
O God, our help in ages past,  
O God, our hope for years to come  
O God, our hope and our eternal home! Alleluia!

## Second Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

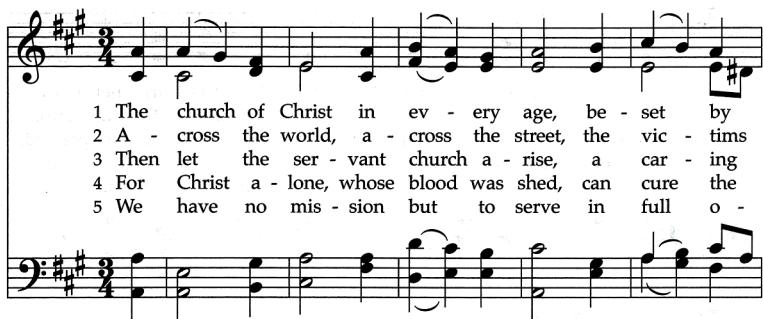
The word of God for the People of God  
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## Hymn 320

Wareham

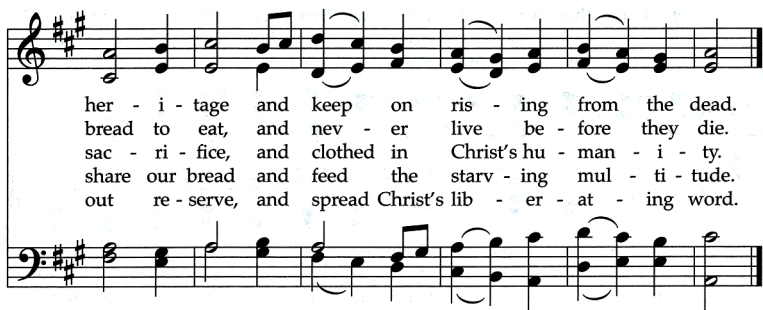
## 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

## **Affirmation of Faith**

## **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.

## **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

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**

Jesus sends his disciples into the world to bless all by his grace. With God's love, in the Holy Spirit, let us make our lives an offering to God through the giving of our time, talent, and treasure.

## **Offertory**

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

"This is My Father's World"

## **Congregational Response Hymn 606 Old Hundredth**

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

For all that you have given us, we thank you, gracious God. For day and night, evening and morning, for land and sea, for fish and birds, plants and animals, for humankind, and for your Son, who came among us with the gift of life abundant. Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Hymn 296

## *Wonderous Light*

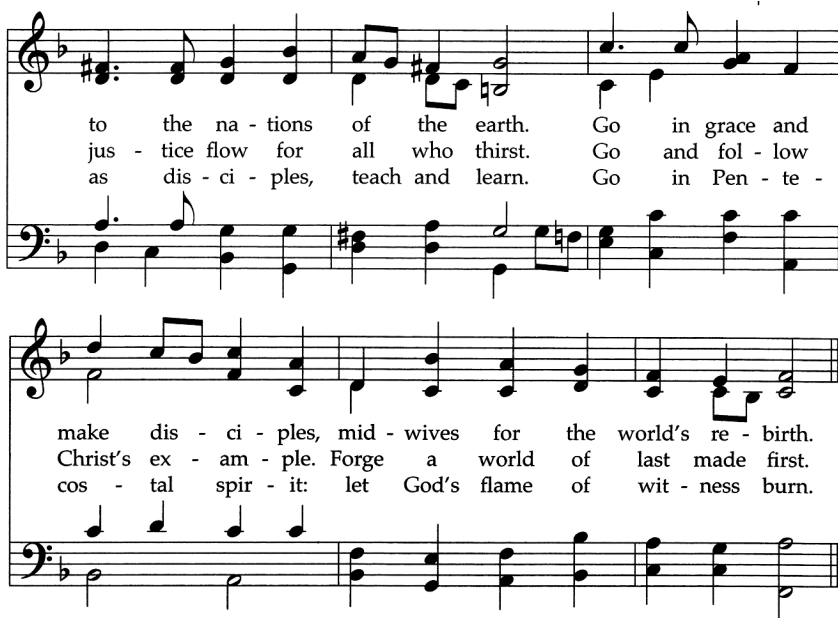
### 296 Go in Grace and Make Disciples

1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's  
2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,  
3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and

ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's  
but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant  
man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the

vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth  
love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed;  
gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,





to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and  
jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low  
as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -

make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth.  
Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.  
cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.

*Guitar chords in Pew Edition do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text based on Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) emphasizes that engaging in mission according to the model of Christ's life and ministry inspires service rather than conquest. The gospel message is a gift of life and hope made known in healing, justice, and peace.

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WONDROUS LIGHT  
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## Benediction

The eternal Creator calls us. The risen Savior sends us. The dynamic Spirit empowers us. Go in peace!

## The Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you  
And also with you

## Postlude

Michael Burkhardt

"Toccata on Old Hundredth"

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