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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! We are currently worshipping online only. Our service follows the same format as in-person worship. In the next few weeks we will be transitioning from fully pre-recorded and edited services to live streaming our service. Please allow some grace for growing pains in this process. We pray that worship as a whole will invite you into deeper personal connection with God and empower you to live by the example of Jesus Christ, all while being guided by the Holy Spirit.

## Prelude

*Nyland*

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

## Call to Worship (Responsive)

Praise the Lord who is our provider.

**God is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

**God is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are God’s acts.

**God is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

## Prayer of Invocation

Gracious God, we thank you for being ever present with us. We know that we are never alone. Your mercies have been faithful and rich. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might do the work of your will. Amen.

# Hymn 263

## 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Descant*

4 O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je-sus' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall;  
 2 Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,  
 3 Let ev-ery kin-dred, ev-ery tribe on this ter-res-trial ball  
 4 O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 to him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787 CORONATION  
 MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979 8.6.8.6.8.6  
 Music Desc. © 1979 GIA Publications, Inc.

**Call to Confession**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the promise of forgiveness.

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is loving, and we are reconciled to God. Therefore, let us humble and surrender ourselves to the will of God for the glory of God alone.

**Prayer of Illumination**

O God, fill us with your Spirit and humble our hearts so that we can hear your Word. Amen.

**First Reading**

**Matthew 21:23-32**

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

**Music Ministry**

arr. Rusty Crownover

“Come, Christians Join to Sing”

**Second Reading**

**Philippians 2:1-13**

The word of God for the People of God

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz**

**Hymn 267**

**267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;  
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra-cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

TEXT: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843  
 MUSIC: Spanish folk melody; arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. David Evans, 1927  
 Music. Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

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## 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

The works of God are wondrous indeed. Let us offer back to God a portion of what has been given to us, for the glory of God's name.

**Offertory** arr. & Written by Rusty Crowover  
"Heaven Only Knows"

**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

O God, use these gifts to do your will in the world and prepare us for your coming kingdom. Amen.

## Hymn 372

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O for a World



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,  
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.  
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

## **Benediction**

### **The Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you

**And also with you**

### **Postlude**

*Es Flog Ein Kleins WaldvÖgelein*  
“We All Are One in Mission”

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## Worship Notes 9.27.20

How is God speaking to me today? (music, sermon, scripture, prayers, etc.)

What are the takeaways from today's service? What is standing out to me?

How did the service challenge me?

Living in faith is something we do daily.  
What actions will I take based on today's service?

You are encouraged to use this sheet during worship to help you engage more directly with God and reflect on God's call to you. Keep it in a place where you will be reminded of your responses throughout the week.

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