



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 9, 2020

Tenth 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

William Bradbury arr. Melody Bober

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Call to Worship

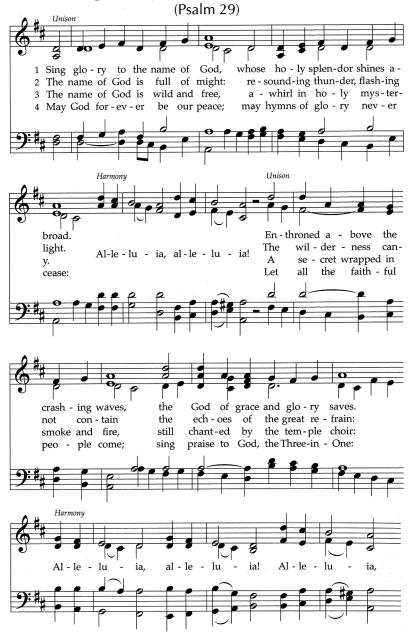
God lifts us from death to life and preserves us for God's purposes through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. With thanksgiving, praise the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Son of God, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of your purposed journey for our lives. Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promise, rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm. Amen.

Hymn 10

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God





This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009 MUSIC: Ceistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 Text © 2011 David Gambrell (admin. Presbyterian Publishing Corp.) LASST UNS ERFREUEN LM with alleluias (this tune in a higher key, 327)

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to the Lord of all, who is generous to all who call upon him.

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our siblings, your children, feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and sibling-love...

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all through Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Prayer of Illumination

God of our present trouble and promised triumph, open our eyes to see you in the midst of our struggles. Open our ears to hear your words of invitation and assurance. Open our minds to recall your wonderful works and miracles. Open our hearts to glory in your name and seek strength in your Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22

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

Music Ministry

Converse

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"
Combined Choirs, October 24, 2010
First United Methodist Church
Grace First Presbyterian Church

Second Reading

Genesis 37

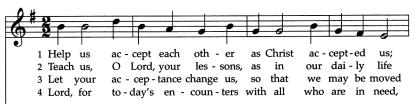
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Sermon

The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

Hymn 754

754 Help Us Accept Each Other





sis - ter, broth - er, each per son em-brace. teach us as to hope and faith. and search for we strug gle hu - man to sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love; ing and for bread, ac - cep-tance, for jus tice who hun - ger for



pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us be - lieve to just for some, to care for peo - ple, not ac - cep-tance un - til know by heart prac - tice your we new eyes see - ing, new hands for hold-ing on: for



our-selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live. are we we find them, or to love as they may be-come. for - give-ness, and laugh - ter's heal-ing ble ta with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us re - new

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1974 MUSIC: Doreen Potter, 1974 Text and Music © 1975 Hope Publishing Company BARONITA 7.6.7.6.D

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

Let us be called to this moment of stewardship: Christ has freely given us the gift of grace and salvation. Let us therefore freely bring our generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure so that grace may be extended through us to all God's people.

Offertory

Traditional Irish arr. Melody Bober

"Be Thou My Vision"

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

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for your sustaining presence and abundant grace. Receive now these gifts we bring to you out of your generous provision in our lives. May they be used to satisfy the hungry in famine, relieve the oppressed in times of trouble, and proclaim everywhere the good news of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hymn 462





This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.

TEXT: Katherine Hankey, 1866; ref. William G. Fischer, 1869 MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869 HANKEY 7.6.7.6.D with refrain

Benediction

May the generous blessing and favor of our loving, abundant God lift you, sustain you, and send you to the world with the gift of life!

The Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you **And also with you**

Postlude Johann Sebastian Bach "Prelude in C Major"

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