

*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.

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord's Prayer Choral Amen
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.

Call to Stewardship
All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

Offertory Felix Mendelssohn
"Sonata IV: Andante"

*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
Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 757 *Kingsfold*
"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response David H. Williams
"Father, Give Thy Benediction"
Sanctuary Choir

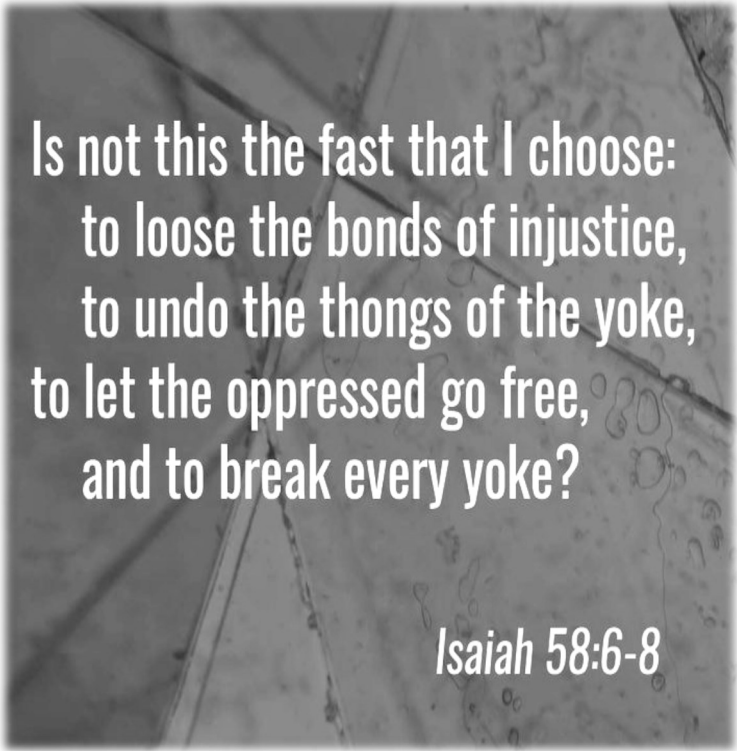
Father, give Thy benediction,
give Thy peace before we part. Amen.

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

*Closing Voluntary Felix Mendelssohn
"Allegro Maestoso"

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

February 9, 2020

10:40 A.M.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.*

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. ***(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshipping near you.)***

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary Felix Mendelssohn
"Sonata I: Adagio"

Entrance of Baptismal Water, the Christ Light,
and the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive) Jane Moss
Jesus proclaims, "You are the light of the world."
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 395 Liebster Jesu
"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Almighty God, we have asked for your
righteous judgment against others, but we have
not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have
worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you
with our actions.**

**We have prayed for you to end the suffering in
our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and
generosity toward others. Our religion has become the
source of quarreling rather than a testimony of
your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give
us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light
of your salvation, through Christ our Lord...**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 442 v.4 Woodworth
**Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry "It Is Well with My Soul" Philipp P. Bliss
arr. John Ness Beck

Sanctuary Choir
When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul. It is well with my soul.

My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, O my soul!


And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so," it is well with my soul!

Children's Moment The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

First Reading Matthew 5:13-20
Pew Bible: Page 4

The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 112:1-9 Pew Bible Page 563
Cantor: Rusty Crownover

Refrain Arthur H. Messiter
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.

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Second Reading Isaiah 58:1-12
Pew Bible: Page 688

The Word of God for the People of God
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Sermon The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 361 Aurelia
"O Christ, the Great Foundation"