

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

Offertory  
arr. Gilbert M. Martin  
“This Is My Father’s World”

\*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

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*Invitation to the Lord’s Table*  
*Prayer of Consecration*  
*Words of Institution*  
*Serving of the Elements*  
*(Gluten-free bread is in small cups on each tray.)*

Communion Voluntary Hymns of the Faith

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and 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.**

**Bearing and Following the Word into the World**

\*Hymn 703 *St. Catherine*  
“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

\*Invitation to Discipleship

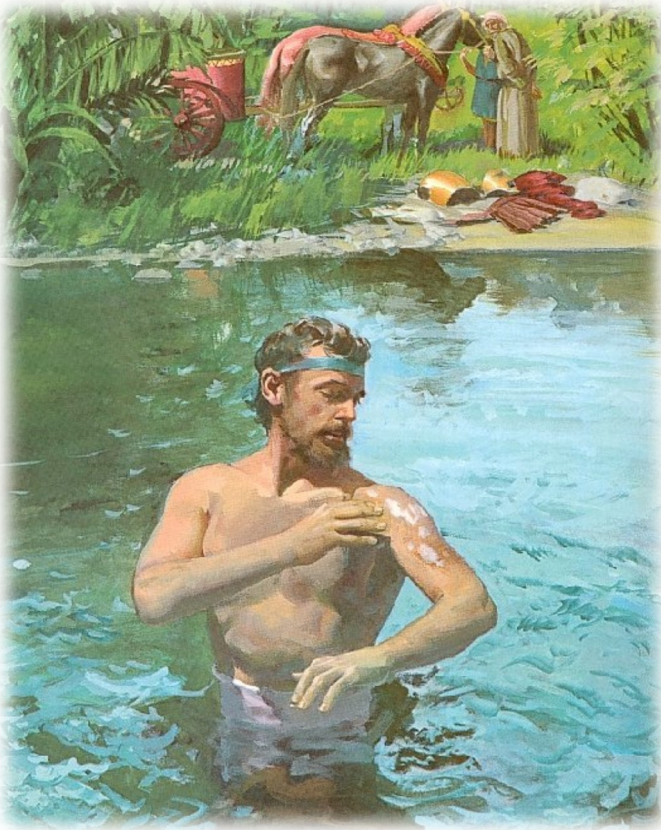
\*Charge and Benediction (Responsive)  
The harvest truly is great.  
**There is a need for peace in this world.**  
The harvest truly is great.  
**Humanity needs to hear that the kingdom of God has come.**  
God calls us to go and labor in the harvest.  
Don’t hesitate! Don’t be weary!  
Jesus has promised that he will give us the power needed to do God’s will.  
**Let us go rejoicing!**

\*Closing Congregational Response Hymn 748 *Tallis’ Canon*  
**Go with Us, Lord, and**  
**guide the way through**  
**this and every coming day,**  
**that in your Spirit strong and true**  
**our lives may be our gift to you.**

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

\*Closing Voluntary Mathias Van Gheyn  
“Praeludium”

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Today’s Liturgy has been adapted from:  
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*...If the prophet had commanded  
you to do something difficult,  
would you not have done it?*

*2 Kings 5:13*

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

July 7, 2019 10:40 A.M.

Communion

*\*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 Gordon Young  
“Prelude on *Hansom Place*”

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

Call to Worship (Responsive)  
Call upon the Lord!  
I asked for help and I was healed!  
**We asked for freedom,  
and we were given liberty beyond  
measure! Praise God!**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn 12 St. Denio  
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
**God, you have caught us in our sinful behavior. We come to you with the hope of your restoration. We walk with our heads held high, without noticing others and their burdens. We are even blinded to our own! We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share about the good things that you have done for us. We even keep our actions silenced as we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world that we do nothing to overcome them. Fill us with your peace and your mercy. Free us from the destruction of sin and restore us to a life lived in you. Amen.**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive)  
Peace! Peace is what you receive from God when you know that your sins are forgiven. Peace is what you have when you know that the destruction of sin cannot harm you, because you are not alone in your journey of life. Therefore, peace, my sisters and brothers! In Jesus we have received forgiveness, and we have been restored!  
**Thanks be to God!**

\*Congregational Response Hymn 435 v. 1 *In Babilone*  
**There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea.  
There’s a kindness in God’s justice,  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth’s sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth’s failings  
have such kindly judgement given.**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry Rusty Crownover

Children’s Moment The Rev. Randy Coney

Children’s Worship

First Reading Luke 19:1-10  
Pew Bible: Page 82

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

Second Reading 2 Kings 5:1-14  
Pew Bible: Page 336

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

Sermon The Rev. Randolph Coney  
*THE CURE OF SIMPLICITY*

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 375 Hanson Place  
“Shall We Gather at the River”

\*Litany of Affirmation (Responsive)  
What does the Lord require of us?  
**To do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with Him.**  
How do we know how to do this?  
**God has given us Commandments to follow.**  
What are they?  
**To give ultimate loyalty to Him alone.  
To abhor false idols.  
To reverence God’s name in our speech.  
To keep one Holy Day a week.  
To honor our parents.  
To protect life.  
To preserve our families.  
To refrain from stealing.  
To maintain the reputation of others.  
To control desires for our neighbors possessions.**  
What does Jesus require of us?  
**To love God with our whole heart, mind and strength. And love our neighbor’s as ourselves.**  
Is that too much to ask?  
**We will do our best.**