

Offertory

G. D. Handel
(from Oratorio *Solomon*)
“Swell the Full Chorus”
Sanctuary Choir

**Swell the full chorus to sound the Lord's praise,
for God is our King and the Sun of our days.
Flow sweetly the numbers that dwell on His Name,
and rouse the whole nation in songs to His fame.**

*Doxology 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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving including joys and concerns

The Sharing of Bread and Cup
(Bread is taken when served to signify our individual response to Christ's invitation. The cup is held and all partake together upon the invitation of the pastor to signify our unity in the family of Christ. Gluten free bread is in small cups on each tray.)

Communion Voluntary arr. Charles Callahan
 “Improvisation on *Materna*”

Prayer after Meal

Thanks we give thee, Triune God, for the gifts we have received and shared. Be with us in the week ahead that we may continue to honor you in all we do. In Jesus name. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 337 *America*
 “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction (Responsive)

Go now to where you find friends and neighbors,
as well as family and strangers.

We will share that never-ending love of the Healer of all.

Go now, with that faith which dares to touch the
outcast, with hearts that break for the pain of
others.

We will share the compassion of the Friend of the broken.

Go now, carrying word and wonder to a weary
world, waiting in silence for the songs of hope to
sing to all creation.

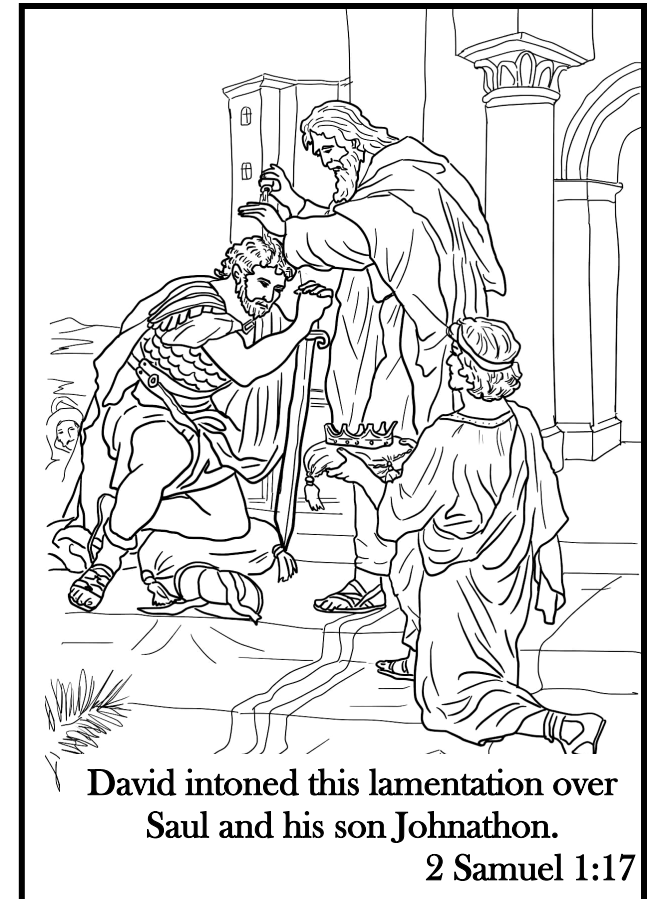
We will follow the Dryer of tears wherever we are led.

*Closing Choral Response Peter C. Lutkin
 “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”
 Sanctuary Choir

**The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift his countenance upon you
and give you peace,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you. Amen.**

*Closing Voluntary John Phillip Sousa
“The Washington Post March”

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

July 1, 2018

10:40 A.M.

Communion

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshippers 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 arr. Charles Callahan
“Prelude on National Airs”

Chimes The Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come among us, Healing God; we wait for you.

We come, hungry for your Word to bless us.

Come among us, Compassionate Christ; we hope in you.

We come, hungry to be filled with the Bread of Heaven.

Come among us, Restoring Spirit; we wait and hope in you.

We come, eager to rest in your peace.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 388 *Materna*
“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We want to touch the hem of your garment, O God. Forgive us for being afraid to touch those who come to us for hope; we want to love the whole world: forgive us for ignoring our neighbor; we long for peace: forgive us for the pain we inflict on our families and friends; we want to share with those we love and like: forgive us for walking past those who need you most. Forgive us, Loving God, for we do not excel in everything you call us to do. Give us grace: to touch those who frighten us; to carry the Bread of Life to the hungry; to offer the blessings of the kingdom to everyone we meet, even as you have graced us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive)

Listen to the Good News! Hope in God, for God's love has no ending; God fills us with grace and hope, this day, and forever.

God hears our voice, and listens to our prayers, redeeming us from all our sins. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Congregational Response Hymn 288 v.1 Living God
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry William Steffe
arr. P. J. Willhousky
“Battle Hymn of the Republic”
Sanctuary Choir

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on!**

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

**I have seen Him in the watch-fires
of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar
in the evening dew and damp;
I can read His righteous sentence
in the dim and flaring lamps,
His day is marching on!**

**In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on!**

Kids’ Time

Pastor David

Psalm 8 Pew Bible Page 492 Cantor: John Fields

Refrain John B. Dykes
Arr. Hal H. Hopson



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Sermon Text Pew Bible
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Page 275

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Edith Gause
“FRIENDSHIP; GREAT JOY, GREAT GRIEF”

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 482 *Bunessan*
“Baptized in Water”

Baptism of Catherine Jane Rosché

Pastoral Nominating Committee Report

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