

Grace Presbyterian Church

17 July 2022

9:30am

Ordinary Time, Proper 11

*Rooted in Christ, We Gather in Spirit.
Welcome to Worship!*



Source:

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/ordinary-16-3/commentary-on-genesis-181-10a-2>

We Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

In the presence of the faithful, let us proclaim God's name.

In the presence of the faithful, let us praise God's holy name.

In times of joy and pain,

In the presence of the faithful, let us praise God's holy name.

Whether serving at table, or in the streets, or on the mountaintops,

In the presence of the faithful, let us praise God's holy name.

In our learning and teaching, and all of our growing,

In the presence of the faithful, let us praise God's holy name.

Come, let us worship God.

HYMN* *We Are One In The Spirit*

No. 300

OPENING PRAYER²

Come into our lives, Jesus.

Help us to be faithful listeners.

Help us to be faithful servants.

In all that we do, may we welcome you

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and serve you as disciples. Amen.

PRAYERS OF APPROACH & CONFESSION³

God of love and patience, we take this moment to pause, and confess those times when we are too busy for you, for one another, and for ourselves. (*Pause.*)

Forgive us when we are too busy to spend time in prayer and listen in our hearts for your word in our lives.

Forgive us when we are too busy to notice the needs of others.

Forgive us when we are too busy to stop what we are doing and help one another, or laugh with one another, or simply even notice one another.

Forgive us when life becomes overwhelming, and we do not even take time for our own needs.

Help us to listen to your voice within our hearts, calling us back to center our lives with you. **Amen.**

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION⁴

In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, making peace with all things, on earth and in heaven. This same God offers us forgiveness for all our sins. We are invited to dwell in God's house, to grow in God's garden, to sit at Jesus' feet. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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⁴ Seasons of the Spirit- July 17, 2022

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Let us greet one another as we would greet Christ, for all come in the name of the Lord. The peace of Christ be with you always! **And also with you.**

We Reflect

A time for Children and the Young at Heart

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION⁵

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.**

HYMN *Let Us Build A House* No. 301

OT SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 37:1-9

NT SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:9-18

SERMON Pastor Jesse Tosten

Genesis 18:1-10
Entertaining Angels

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We Respond

HYMN* *God Welcomes All*

No. 399

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy/in thanksgiving,
Hear our prayer.

*This prayer is adapted from the Litany of Pope Gelasius,
dating to the end of the 5th century.*

With every confidence we come before God in prayer:
For mild and pleasant weather, for rain at the time it is
needed, for healthy and gentle winds and for the seasons
to follow one another to our advantage, we pray to the
Ruler of the universe.

Hear our prayer, O God.

For those persecuted by rulers who wield their power
unjustly, and those harassed by enemy action, we
implore our Sovereign and Savior:

Hear our prayer, O God.

To those whose faith moves them to relive the wants of
those in need, we pray God to show mercy.

Hear our prayer, O God.

Bodies dead to sin and souls alive by faith:

Grant us, O God, grant us.

Holy justice and true love:

Grant us, O God, grant us.

Lives that please you, deaths you can approve of:

Grant us, O God, grant us.

Angels to bring us peace and saints to assist us:

Grant us, O God, grant us. Amen.

OUR GIFTS OF SACRIFICE and THANKSGIVING

*Invitation*⁶

The king of Aram sent gifts of silver, gold, and clothing so that the king of Israel would receive his messenger. How blessed are we, that God does not demand such gifts from us!

God is always open to us, present with us and glad to receive us, regardless of what we have or what we bring.

In gratitude for this unconditional love and unconditional welcome, let us offer our gifts.

Thank you to all those whose gifts and offerings have sustained the church during these difficult times. Plates are available in the sanctuary to receive your offering. You can give online by visiting the church website.

Musical Meditation Ian Howells

*Doxology**

God, We Honor You

No. 709

**God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessing.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.**

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