

Grace Presbyterian Church

03 July 2022

9:30am

Ordinary Time, Proper 9

*Rooted in Christ, We Gather in Spirit.
Welcome to Worship!
The Lord's Supper Celebrated*



Source: Internet

We Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Moses said to God, "I am slow of speech and slow of tongue..."

but God sent him anyway.

Jeremiah said, "I am just a boy..."

but God spoke through him anyway.

Mary was perplexed by the angel's visit,

but God still invited her to give birth to Jesus.

God invites us to understand that we have gifts and we are needed:

whether old or young;
tired or energetic;
quick or slow.

Whoever we are, however we are,

we hear your call, O God. We have come.

HYMN* *Here In This Place*

No. 401

OPENING PRAYER²

Holy One we come to you, for we need healing.

We come to you, for we need teaching.

We come to you, for we need leading.

As we gather; as we sing; as we pray; as we listen; as we speak:

May we open ourselves to your Holy Spirit, your

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blessing, your word. Amen.

PRAYERS OF APPROACH & CONFESSION³

So often we have need, but we don't want to admit it: we stand proud, unbending, unwilling to acknowledge we need something we cannot create ourselves.

We try to make do with substitutes for your truth and your grace, but they fail us.

Holy One, help us to seek your path, your words, your leading, your peace.

Forgive us for those paths we have followed when we trusted in the world's wisdom rather than yours. Help us to name our need for you. Amen.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION⁴

God's love never leaves us. We are loved, understood, forgiven, enabled to begin again.

For God's great grace toward us,

let us praise our God!

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

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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 *O for a World* No. 372

NT SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 10: 1-12

NT SCRIPTURE LESSON Galatians 6: 1-10

SERMON Rev. Donald M. Pitches
In the Midst of it All, We Hope

We Respond

HYMN* We Shall Overcome No. 379

WE ARE NOURISHED

The Lord's Supper Celebrated

The Invitation

The Hymn of Invitation: *Feed Us, Lord* No. 501

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Breaking - The Pouring - The Sharing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Healing God,
we come before you with wounds in our hearts and in our
bodies:
illnesses and griefs;
difficult relationships;
financial problems;
harsh words said that we cannot retract;
pain we have inflicted and pain we carry.
We seek your help.

For our friends and family members: *(pause)*.
For our congregation and our community: *(pause)*.
For those we do not know, here and abroad: *(pause)*.

**We ask that your tender arms surround those in
pain.**

For our Nation and our Government; *(pause)*.
For our Leaders and Officials; *(pause)*
For Civic Institutions and Governing bodies; *(pause)*

**We ask that your Holy Spirit of Wisdom inform their
actions and judgements**

May there be healing where healing is possible.
May all know your loving, caring presence.
**Remind us that we can, each of us, be the means of
carrying your love to others.**

We can be your hands and feet in this world, no matter
how strong or how smart we are.
Help us to see how we can shine the light of your

love and care on those who need to feel it and be filled with Hope. Amen.

OUR GIFTS OF SACRIFICE and THANKSGIVING

*Invitation*⁶

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 will be passed to receive your offering.
You can continue to give online by visiting the church website.*

Musical Meditation Ian Howells

Doxology A Grateful Heart (Psalm 111) No. 652*

***A grateful heart is what I bring,
A song of praise, my offering.
Among the saints I lift my voice:
In you, O God, I will rejoice.***

Prayer of Dedication^{*7}

Holy God, your generosity to us calls out of us a response:

In this place and in these plates, we offer a portion of our treasure, our talents, our time...even our

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very selves. Please bless our offerings. Use them to further your work among us, our community, and our world. Amen.

We Are Sent

CLOSING HYMN* *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* No. 338

BENEDICTION*

Whether big or small, old or young, may you know yourself blessed and loved by God. May that love bubble in you, bubble out of you, and brighten the lives of all you meet.

POSTLUDE

****Indicates please stand in body and/or in spirit.***

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