

Grace Presbyterian Church

14 August 2022

9:30am

Ordinary Time, Proper 15

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



Kain Vroom

We Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

We are your vine, O God, your tree
planted by your grace
watered by your mercy.

**We are yours:
planted in your deep, rich loam
of scripture, story, and song.**

We are yours, dear God,
growing in your care.

**Water us with your Spirit.
Nourish us with your word.
Hear us, as we gather to learn, to pray, to ask,
to grow in you.**

HYMN* Wash, O God Your Sons & Daughters

No. 490
Vs 1-2

OPENING PRAYER²

God of our being and our doing: we come from so many
places;
places of play and study and work;
places of joy and worry and fears;

¹ Seasons of the Spirit- August 14, 2022

² Seasons of the Spirit- August 14, 2022

places of loneliness and friendship.
We give you thanks that you meet us at all the places in
our lives.
Give us the power to perceive you.
Give us the courage to follow you.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF APPROACH & CONFESSION³

Every day, we make choices:
how to use our time, our knowledge, our resources.
Sometimes we choose well, and sometimes we choose
poorly.

In this time, open our eyes, dear God, to see how our
choices have affected others.
Open our eyes to the mistakes we have made,
to the possibilities we ignored,
to the work we interrupted.
(Pause.)

**Help us to use those moments
to guide us,
like a trellis for a green vine,
as we continue to grow in you. Amen.**

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION⁴

God has been with saints throughout history, and God is
with us now, inviting us into new living.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Called to be one in Christ Jesus, we are made

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to love one another in unity and grace.
Peace be with you!

And also with you.

We Reflect

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION⁵

**Dear God, let us not only hear of you
but see you with our own eyes through your
Word. May we also experience your presence
by the Holy Spirit.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry No. 488

OT SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 127

NT SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10: 13-15

SERMON Rev. Donald M. Pitches
Children In Our Midst.

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We Respond

The Sacrament of Baptism

(Please turn to page 14 in the front of the hymnal.)

Rev. John Maltby, Guest Minister

Kain Grayson Vroom

Infant son of Robert A. & Allesia Marie Vroom

HYMN*

Child of Blessing

No. 486

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, you tend to us with such care. Listen now as we unburden ourselves of the joys and the concerns we carry.

Listen: to the names of those who need healing (*pause*).

Listen: to the challenges we face in unemployment; in finances; in habits; in fears (*pause*).

Listen: to the things we do not understand (*pause*).

Listen: to the places where we hurt in heart, spirit, mind, or body (*pause*).

Listen: to how happiness rises in us as we think of birthdays, reunions, vacations, and celebrations (*pause*).

Listen...and tend to us as we pray this day, saying

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.

OUR GIFTS OF SACRIFICE and THANKSGIVING

*Invitation*⁶

In our offering, we give not only our material gifts, but we offer ourselves to God once again.

Let us share from our vast resources for God's mission in the world.

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

Doxology Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*
No. 490 v.3

O how deep your holy wisdom unimagined all your ways!

To your name be glory, honor!

With our lives we worship, praise!

We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born.

By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us: God transform.

Prayer of Dedication^{*7}

Like countless others before us we say;

O God,

we offer ourselves to you.

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**Take all that we have and are,
and use that for the work
of making your reign real
on earth as it is in heaven. Amen**

We Are Sent

HYMN* *Go, My Children, With My Blessing* No. 547

BENEDICTION*

Let us be determined to run the race that is ahead of us. Take with you the blessings of Christ, who leads and makes faith complete; the blessing of our Heavenly Mother and Father, from whom we come; and the blessing of the Holy Spirit, who breathes life into us all. May the God of our ancestors lead you into the future.

POSTLUDE

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

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