

Grace Presbyterian Church

07 August 2022

9:30am

Ordinary Time, Proper 14

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

“Guard the
good deposit
entrusted to
you.”

- 1 Timothy 6:20 -

We Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

All day long, God calls to Earth.

All day long, Earth answers.

The rivers run, and grasses blow,
sand shifts and shifts again.

Lava churns deep within Earth.

All day long, God calls to Earth.

All day long, Earth answers.

Ocean tides rush in and out, and creatures swim along.

Trees bend and straighten,

and mountains sing the song of the ancients.

All day long, God calls to Earth.

All day long, Earth answers.

Dusk to dawn, day to night, six days turn to seven.

All day long, God calls to Earth.

All day long, Earth answers.

God's people come together, friend and stranger.

Let us join with all creation in praising our wondrous God.

All day long, God calls to Earth.

All day long, Earth answers.

Come, let us worship God.

HYMN* *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

No. 385

¹ Seasons of the Spirit- August 7, 2022

OPENING PRAYER²

The inner workings of our minds are amazing, God.
Our thoughts and insights,
actions and ideas create possibilities
that become clearer and more defined as we look with
intent in response to your call.

As we gather together
and look through the windows that open to
life-giving, just, and faithful pathways,
enlarge our faith that we might step beyond our places of
comfort, assured that our actions will reveal your
life-giving grace.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF APPROACH & CONFESSION³

God of our past, present, and future,
we plant our faith in hope
for a future that is yet to be seen.

When we want it all now,
may we find the realm of love growing
piece by piece,
word by word,
act by act.

Forgive our impatience, O God.

When we want immediate results
remind us of the slow unfolding of faith
day by day,
prayer by prayer,
generation to generation.

Forgive our impatience, O God.

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WORDS OF AFFIRMATION⁴

Like an oak, faith grows purposefully and firmly.

As roots stretch down,

so faith grounds itself in our living.

As branches and leaves provide life, so our faith produces the fruit of love and justice.

Through God's forgiveness, we continue to grow in faith. Secure in the love of God, we endure.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Called to be one in Christ Jesus, we are made to love one another in unity and grace.

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

We Reflect

A time for Children and the Young in heart

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.

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⁵ Seasons of the Spirit- August 7, 2022

HYMN *Listen, God is Calling* No. 456

OT SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 6:4-12

NT SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 1:1-3

SERMON Pastor Jesse Tosten
Guard The Deposit

Timothy 6:11-16, 20

We Respond

HYMN* Jesus, Calls Us No. 720

WE ARE NOURISHED

The Lord's Supper Celebrated

The Invitation

The Hymn of Invitation: Taste and See No. 520

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Breaking - The Pouring - The Sharing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy One, your words speak to us of our greatest fears
and our most shining hopes.

We fear what the future might bring, of thieves that
might steal our stuff, our peace, and our security; of
illness that might steal our ease.

We hope for what the future might bring: joyful children

becoming thoughtful, joyful adults;
changes in work or home or the public square that will
end injustice and inequality.

We live amid these fears and these hopes, sometimes at
peace, often worried, mostly perplexed.

As we name those people or those places for whom we
pray this day, may those fears and those hopes not
overwhelm us.

May we not be
swept away in a sea of “what if’s.”
Help us to stop, be still and listen to the needs, the joys,
the obstacles, the mysteries of our community, your
people, this day.

We pray for our leaders (*pause*).

We pray for our community (*pause*).

We pray for our church (*pause*).

We pray for our neighbors (*pause*).

We pray for ourselves (*pause*).

For the prayers we offer aloud and the prayers we offer in
silence, we trust in your mercy, grace, and love that is
greater than any thief, any disease, any problem, any
hurt. **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.

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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 Ian Howells

Doxology God, We Honor You No. 709*

*Prayer of Dedication*⁷*

By faith, we bring our offerings,
a sign of our commitment,
a desire to participate,
and a trust in your promises.
Bless these gifts,
and bless us,
as we dedicate all that we have
and all that we are
for your work in our world. **Amen.**

We Are Sent

CLOSING HYMN*

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing No. 546

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION*

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Full of faith,

we will work together for justice.

Full of faith,

we will have hope for the future.

Full of faith,

we will live together in peace.

Full of faith,

we will move together into the world.

Full of faith,

we will follow in the way of Christ together.

POSTLUDE

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

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