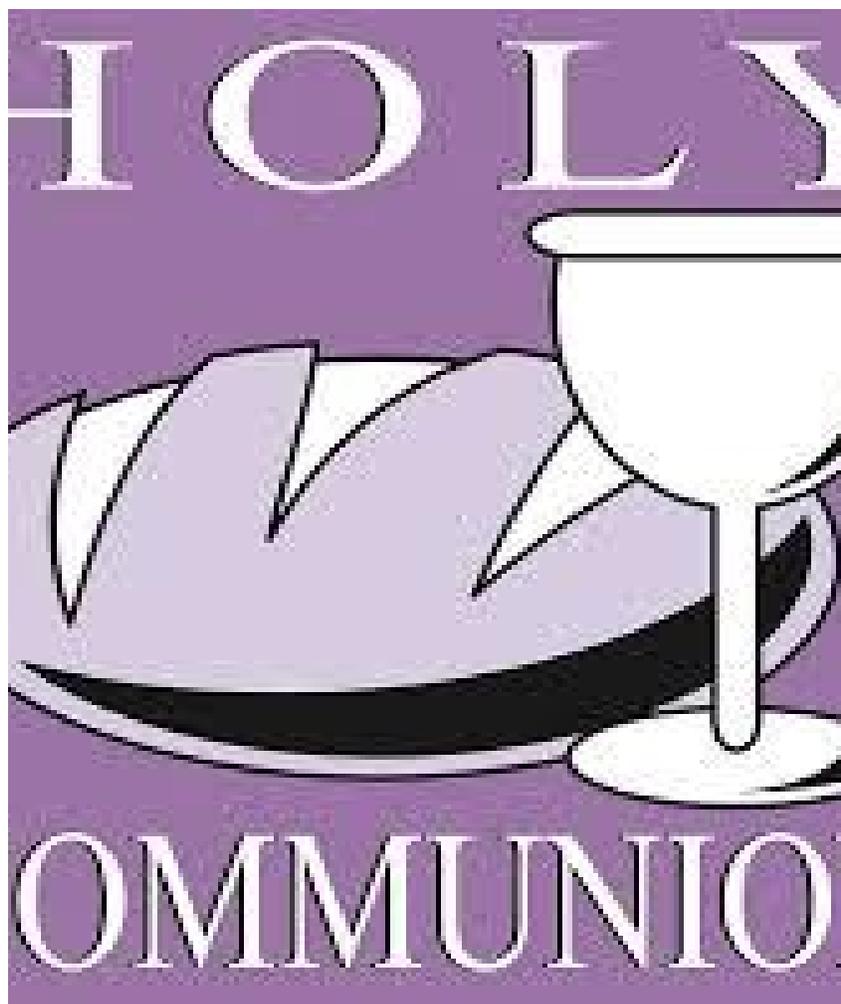


Grace Presbyterian Church

6 November 2022

9:30 am

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



The Lord's Supper

Celebration of the Lord's Supper WE GATHER

Prayer Candles

Before worship take time to pray and light a candle at the communion table

Prelude Vince DiMura

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

We are embraced by steadfast love and faithfulness!

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

God has done awe-inspiring things!

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

**Let the waters roar, the mountains groan,
and the grasses and trees clap their hands!**

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Break forth into joyous songs and sing praises!

Come, let us worship

Opening prayer

God of the living; we thank you for your presence with us today. We thank you for the ways you are with us as individuals.

(A time for silent reflection and thanksgiving.)

We thank you for the ways you are with us as a community.

(A time for silent reflection and thanksgiving.)

We thank you for the ways you are with all Creation.

(A time for silent reflection and thanksgiving.)

We thank you, God. We thank you. Amen.

Opening Hymn #385 All People That on Earth do Dwell

Prayer of Confession

God, we become focused on past memories and get distracted from your presence. We worry about the future and get distracted from your presence, the wonders of Creation, and your blessings in our lives.

Forgive us, God. Help us to notice your presence. Help us to realize your goodness. Help us to remember how you guide us. Help us to trust you with our futures. Amen,

Lord; you meet us with forgiveness and steadfast love. Even in the depths of despair, we can wait in confidence, trusting that you are journeying with us from darkness to light.

ASSURANCE OF GOD WITH US - Words of affirmation

Hear and receive this affirmation from God's words spoken by the prophet Haggai: "Take courage, all you people of the land... for I am with you. According to the promise that I made when you came out of Egypt, my spirit abides with you. Do not fear."

In this act of faith, we find peace and are restored to life. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

HYMN OF PRAISE #370 **This is My Father's World**

WE REFLECT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As we read, listen and reflect on the scriptures,
May the words of my mouth,

**And the meditation of all of our hearts,
Be acceptable to you, O God, our Rock, and our Redeemer.
Amen.**

We acknowledge that sometimes we find it hard to feel thankful.

Sometimes pain, regret, fear, sadness, anger, or anxiety seem to fill our hearts and leave no room for gratitude.

So we come before you today asking for the gift of a grateful heart, the ability to be cheerful givers, and the comprehension of your blessings to fill our hearts.

We pray for your blessing on all we love, those you love, and all the places that need your peace.

God, may we approach each moment of the day, each encounter with another, each opportunity that comes our way, with a spirit of love and power, peace and joy, knowing that you have looked into our hearts, claimed us with your love, and called us your own.

For this meal, for this community, for our friends, for your presence always with us, we give you thanks and seal these prayers with the prayer Jesus taught us, 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. 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:

There are many gifts in our congregation!

We are kind, welcoming, hospitable, and creative.

There are so many varied gifts and talents, a great

mosaic of God-given abilities

**Let us bring our gifts to God,
both the gifts that we place on the offering plate
And as we use the unique skills that God has given
each of us to heal the world.**

Musical Interlude: Vince DiMura

*Doxology, Hymn 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.**

Prayer of Dedication

Faithful and Generous God,

**may all who benefit from these gifts, the gift of our lives
of worship and service, and your love in Christ know
they have encountered the living grace of God.**

*Thanks 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.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation

Unison Affirmation of Faith:

***In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we
strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live
holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new
heaven and a new earth, praying,
"Come, Lord Jesus!"***

Hymn of Invitation # 520

Taste and See

Words of Institution: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

The scriptures tell us that Jesus was having a meal with his friends.

During the meal, he took the bread and broke it.

Then he said, This bread is my body, broken for you.

After the meal, he took the cup.

And he said, this cup is my blood, shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Risen Lord until he comes again.

"All of you eat of it." The Bread is eaten

"All of you, drink of it." We drink from the Cup

Prayer after Communion:

Spirit of the Living God, live with us here in this community and in our hearts so that we may show your love and live as your people.

We ask for your blessing on this simple meal.

Help us to share it with gladness in our hearts.

Having remembered you, we will be strengthened to be your life and love in the world.

Sharing this wine and bread fuels and strengthens us to share God's love in our world.

Prayer before departing;

Ever-present God, in sharing this meal, we have been reminded again that you do not leave us on our own.

In the pain of this world, you are with us.

In the joy of this world, you are with us.

This meal has nourished us; may it strengthen our love for you and each other.

Since you are always with us, O Lord, we can imagine and shape the world to be a better place. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

Let the peace of Christ reign in your hearts. It is to this peace that we are called as members of the Body of Christ.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

(Make a sign of the Peace of Christ one to another.)

WE ARE SENT

*CLOSING HYMN #637 **O Sing to the Lord vss 1-4**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Indicates please stand in body and/or in spirit. All songs not from Glory to God are used by permission of CCLI #1124594*

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Special Day Commentary

*November 11 – Armistice Day/Remembrance Day/
Veterans' Day*

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the armistice – laying down of arms – was signed to end the first World War. Many nations continue to call this Armistice Day, while others name it Remembrance Day or Veterans' Day, recalling the sacrifice made by women and men in both World War I – "the war to end all wars" – and the many wars that have taken place since.