

Grace Presbyterian Church

31 October 2021

9:30am

Ordinary Times, Proper 26

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



*Source: Presbyterian Historical Society
Luther Before the Diet of Worms by Anton von Werner (1843–1915).
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We Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

Happy are those whose help is in God.

Praise God who cares for the oppressed
and provides enough for all.

Happy are those whose help is in God.

Praise God who watches over those
who feel included and those who feel left behind.

Happy are those whose help is in God.

Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN* *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!* No. 839

CALL TO PRAYERS²

Loving God, Mother and Father of all people,
we open our hearts to you and the life you give.

Help us to breathe in deeply of your wild and wonderful spirit and
inspire us with your presence so that we might be at peace with
all of who we are, and more fully become the people you have
called us to be. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF APPROACH & CONFESSION³

God of each unfolding moment, you bring all of creation into
being. Again and again, we receive your gifts of love and
friendship in family and community.

**O God, open our hearts to the daily miracles with
which we are blessed.**

¹Seasons of the Spirit- October 31, 2021

² Seasons of the Spirit- October 31, 2021

³ Seasons of the Spirit- October 31, 2021

We trust that you are with us always and everywhere.
Yet we often act as if we do not trust you. We try to keep ourselves safe rather than reaching out to others.

O God, open our hearts to the daily miracles with which we are blessed.

Sometimes, we do not even care for ourselves and unable to care for others. We let fear inhibit our courage. We find it difficult to love.

O God, open our hearts to the daily miracles with which we are blessed.

Forgive us, O God, and help us to find your life-giving presence in every moment we live and every person we meet. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD WITH US⁴

Thanks be to God for the Spirit who lives in us.

Praise be to God who is always working things together for good.

We are loved.

We are forgiven.

God is beyond us.

God is between us.

God is within us.

Thanks be to God!

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.

⁴ Seasons of the Spirit- October 31, 2021

We Reflect

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION⁵

**Dear God, let us not only hear of you
but see you with our own eyes through your Word.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

OT SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 146

NT SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

Justin Warner

Baking & Reforming

We Respond

HYMN*

For All the Saints

No. 326

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy/in thanksgiving,

Hear our prayer.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

*Out of the silence, we invite you to speak
the name of those who we have lost.*

*Index cards are available to write these names down,
which will be printed in our bulletin next week.*

⁵Seasons of the Spirit- October 31, 2021

COLLECTIVE PRAYER⁶

**Bless the many parted souls
who lived their lives with grace.
Bless the saints in heaven,
gathered in that special place.**

**May we tell their stories
and remember all the ways
they lived their faith
and spent their days.**

**There is glory and reward,
even if at first there's strife.
Oh, blessed saints, you help us see
a path that's to eternal life.**

**May we always hold them dear
and know their life and place.
May we know their inspiration
and aspire to their grace.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER⁷ *by Parker Palmer*

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to
come, We pray that your good will be
done, Let heaven and earth become
one. Give us this day the bread we
need, Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river
between us, From each one to each
one. Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days — Come
swiftly Mother, Father, come. For**

⁶ All Saints Day Prayer, Loyola Press

⁷The Lord's Prayer, Parker Palmer.

**yours is the power and the glory and
the mercy: Forever your name is All in
One. Amen.**

OUR GIFTS OF SACRIFICE and THANKSGIVING

*Invitation*⁸

The Lord is indeed good, for God has blessed us richly. Let us offer back a portion, in gratitude and love.

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. You can give online by visiting the church website.

Musical Meditation

*Doxology**

No. 709

Prayer of Dedication^{*9}

**Holy One, source of all,
you provide everything we need and more.
Accept these gifts we offer as a symbol of our
heartfelt gratitude and our desire to love our
neighbours as ourselves. Amen.**

We Are Sent

CLOSING HYMN*

For the Fruit of All Creation

No. 36

BENEDICTION*

⁸Seasons of the Spirit- October 31, 2021

⁹ Seasons of the Spirit- October 31, 2021

POSTLUDE

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

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