

Grace

and peace to you
2 Thessalonians 1:2

January 22, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Grace Presbyterian Church

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Hal H. Hopson

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Announcements

The Peace

Introit

Gathered in God's Name

Michael Burkhardt

Choir

Gathered in God's name round the peace of the Lord,
in the presence of Christ in the name of love.

**All Sing
Refrain**

**Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place,
gathered as strangers and friends, gathered and gifted by grace.
Gathered in God's name 'round the living Word.
Gathered as one family in the name of love.**

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

This is the day the Lord has made,

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk; he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Invitation to Confession

Romans 3:23-24

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus.
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Celebration of Forgiveness

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem

O Sing a Song Unto the Lord

Naomi King Walker

O sing a song unto the Lord our God.
Let all generations give honor and praise!
Make joyful music to the Lord our God.
With voices and instruments join in our chorus of praise,
Praise the Lord!

Miriam played her tambourine and danced before the Lord;
David played his harp and sang a psalm.
The disciples sang a praise hymn at the table of the Lord;
Paul and Silas sang together all night long.

We sing, we sing our heritage of music.
We sing, we sing;
let ev'ryone join with the saints through the ages and sing,
praise and sing!

Word with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and our 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

First Lesson (pg. 194 Old Testament)

Joshua 1:1-9

Second Lesson (pg. 196 New Testament)

Philippians 1:3-11

Sermon

A Word of Thanks and a Prayer

Hymn

Live into Hope

Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty,
the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread,
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

This is the Day the Lord Has Made

Mark Hayes

This is the day that the Lord has made and I will be exceeding glad!
This is the day that the Lord has made and I will be exceeding glad!
This is the day that the Lord has made and I will sing my Maker's praise!
This is the day the Lord has made; I will rejoice and give God praise!

Who is like unto our God the Lord strong and Mighty?
Who is like unto our God who reigns above in glorious splendor?

You are the Rose of Sharon, the Lover of my soul.
You are my heart's desire;
My soul implores me to exalt your holy name.
Your name is music unto my ears;
And I must sing of the great love you've shown to me
Because my heart will not be still.

This is the day that the Lord has made and I will be exceeding glad!
This is the day that the Lord has made. I will be glad!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

SENDING TO SERVE GOD'S KINGDOM

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

Postlude

Toccata in C Minor

Johann Pachelbel

“To Know Christ, and To Make Him Known.”

Musicians: Chancel Choir, Chapel Choir, Valerie Clayton, Kevin Engleman

Pastor: Jim Reisner

Worship Leader: Mary Rodgers

Audio and Video: Ben Morris

The chancel flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God by the Fuelleborn families in honor of Klaus on his birthday.

Scripture:

Joshua 1:1-9

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses's assistant, saying, 2 "My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. 5 No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall lead this people to possess the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. 9 I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Philippians 1:3-11

3 I thank my God for every remembrance of you, 4 always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy 5 for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete^[c] it until the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart,^[d] for all of you are my partners in God's grace,^[e] both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11 having produced the harvest^[f] of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.