



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
A Stephen Ministry Congregation
Service for the Lord's Day with Communion
October 6, 2024 – World Communion Sunday
Rev. Robin Palmer – Pastor
Jamie Clay – Director of Music Ministries Meleah Shrout - Pianist
Martie Kullman – Handbell Choir Director



ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

The People Gather and Welcome One Another

[God of wisdom, though we are mere mortals, you are mindful of us. You know the voices inside and out that distract us. You know the words we need to hear. By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us now to receive your holy, life-giving Word. Amen.]

Prelude

Welcome and Invitation to Share Our Life Together
(Please sign and pass the attendance register)

Minute for Mission

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Introit

“Gather Us In”

Marty Haugen

Call to Worship

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

We proclaim your name to the whole human family.

We praise you in the midst of this congregation:

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Let us continue to praise our majestic Creator; let us worship God!

✠ Hymn No. 420

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

✠ *Rise in body or in spirit*

✠ Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, who are we humans, that you pay any attention to us? And yet, you have entrusted us to care for all of creation. We confess the times we have thought too highly of ourselves, and the ways we have twisted our charge to care for creation into permission to dominate and subdue it. We confess the same human tendencies to dominate and subdue other people. It is easy for us to ignore or take for granted our own privilege, rather than seeking to dismantle unjust systems of supremacy. Your desire is for peace, but so often we choose comfort and call it peace. Remind us of who we are, and whose we are. Remind us of our interdependence with creation, and our dependence on you, our Creator. Set our hearts and minds on your will, made known to us in Jesus Christ.

✠ A Time of Silence for Private Confession

✠ Hymn No. 572

“ Lord Have Mercy Upon Us”

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

✠ Hymn No. 579

“Glory Be to the Father”

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Lesson Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Bible Page 453, O.T.

Psalm 26, read responsively Bible Page 503, O.T.

Anthem “God Has Spoken, Bread is Broken” Jeremy Young

Children’s Time

Gospel Lesson Mark 10: 2-16 Bible Page 46, N.T.

Sermon “Such as These” Rev. Robin Palmer

Meditative Music

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠ Affirmation of Faith (Nicene Creed – Ecumenical version) Hymnal, Page 15

✠ Hymn No. 507

“I Come With Joy”

The Offering

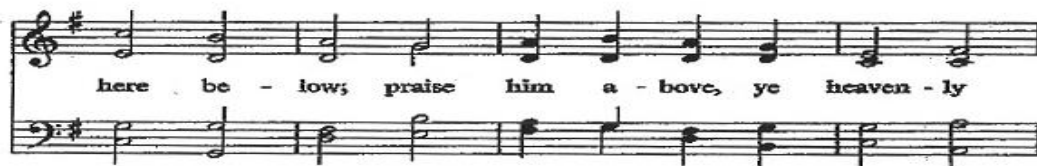
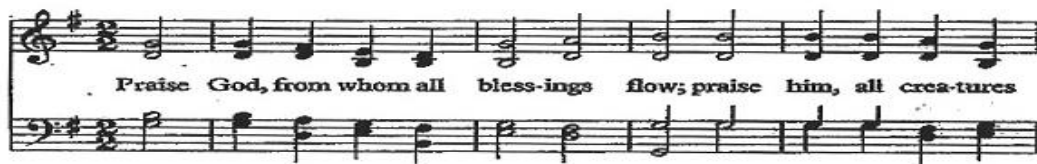
Offertory

✠ Hymn No. 592*

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

* sung to the tune of Hymn No. 591

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

OLD 100th
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Offertory Prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

. . . therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)
 Gm F Eb F Gm Cm

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

(Em) (Am6) (B7) (Em) (D)
 Gm Cm6 D7 Gm F

pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)
 Eb F Gm Cm F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)
 Gm F Gm F Eb

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(D) (A) (Am) (D)
 F C Cm F

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm Cm F Dm7 G

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Hymn

“Christ Has Died, Christ Has Risen”

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
 Gm F Bb Cm Gm D Eb F C

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm F Bb Cm Gm D Eb F Dm7 G

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

COMMUNION

[Each serves your neighbor the bread and wine, saying: **“THE BREAD OF HEAVEN”** and **“THE CUP OF SALVATION.”** The other responds: **“THANKS BE TO GOD”** or **“AMEN.”** The bread is eaten as it is served. Please hold the cup so that we may drink together. We eat the bread individually as a symbol of God’s grace given to each of us. We drink together as a symbol of our unity in the family of God. NOTE: wine is in the outer row of cups; grape juice is in all others.]

Hymn No. 597

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Prayer after Communion

Majestic and eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of life and satisfied us with the cup of salvation. As we rise from this table, may we remember its expanse, and our connection to our siblings in Christ around the globe. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of your love in thought, word, and deed. Make us one with you and all of creation through the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.

GO IN GOD’S NAME

✠ Hymn No. 293

“This is My Father’s World”

✠ Call to Service

Jesus said: Let the children come to me.

Beloved children of God, we go from this place carrying the blessing we have received,

so that we may share it with all of God’s children.

Go and live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Alleluia! Amen.

✠ Benediction

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

Welsh Melody

✠ Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR LITURGIST TODAY is Marsha Latham.

OFFICE HOURS: Robin is in the office Mon-Thurs. 9:00am-3pm. Alex is in the office Wednesdays 9am to 2pm.

SESSION MEETING is today after worship.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT MEETING will be Monday, October 7th.

THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING will be received Sunday, October 6.

SANTA SHOP TOY DRIVE provides a way for every parent, regardless of their income, to experience the joy of choosing the perfect Christmas gift for their child. You can donate a new, unwrapped toy (in its original packaging), and drop off your donation on the dedicated table in the Narthex from 9/29-11/3. You can also donate through their Amazon Wishlist (see Gracelist email). Please provide toys geared towards preschool and elementary school children, and please provide batteries if your toy requires them. Please avoid violent video games rated "M".

MATT ADAMS will be playing piano during worship today. Matt has been a friend of Grace Presbyterian for many years. His music accolades include playing twice on AL public TV's Pianist At Work as well as guest-soloing with the local HSO on two occasions. Matt has also been an accompanist for many musicals in Madison County. Aside from the occasional accompanying job, his primary job is as a Christian illusionist. He has been through over 40 countries. His full time job is traveling the world and sharing Christ with his audiences through his events. You can find out more about Matt at www.MattAdamsMinistries.com.

LECTIONARY READINGS for Next Week:

Job 23:1-9,16-17 Ps.22:1-15 Heb.4:12-16;2:5-12 Mark 10:17-31

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, Oct 6 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
9:30–10:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship (in-person and livestreamed)**
12:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Monday, Oct 7
12:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Group

Tuesday, Oct 8
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon (in-person)
6:30 p.m. Caregivers Support Group

Wednesday, Oct 9
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Oct 10
4:00 p.m. Barbershop Quartet rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Voice Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, Oct 13 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:30–10:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship (in-person and livestreamed)**

Donate to Grace Presbyterian now!



Grace Presbyterian supports the following ministries: The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center, Enable of Madison County, Presbyterian Home for Children, and St. Elizabeth Food Bank. The produce from the Harvest of Grace Community Garden is donated to the hungry of Madison County.

**** hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large print hymnals are available upon request**

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,

Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
 That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

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5. Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Thy salvation
 Be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving Thee whom we adore,
 Serving Thee whom we adore.

I Come with Joy

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DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1977

American folk melody
Arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For - giv - en, loved, and
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To find, as all are
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent

free, In awe and won - der to re - call His
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love In
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, And
 near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We
 ways, And as His peo - ple in the world, We'll

life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 stran - gers now are friends, And stran - gers now are friends.
 see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.
 live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.

Alternate tune: LAND OF REST, 522

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This Is My Father's World

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TERRA BEATA SMD

Maltbie Davenport Babcock, 1901

Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915
Harm. 1953 for *The Hymnbook*; alt. 1988

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-tening ears All
2. This is my Fa-ther's world: Oh, let me ne'er for - get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought Of
This is my Fa-ther's world: The bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heaven be one.