

"I surely rejoice
in the Lord;"

Isaiah 61:10 CEB

Grace Presbyterian Church
Fort Wayne, IN

Sunday Online Worship

February 7th, 2021

Community Worship on Zoom

Livestream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Online Worship Service – February 7th, 2021

How can we pray for you?

Let us know at prayerrequests@gpcfw.org or in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

*We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ***BOLD*** with us from your homes!*

10:00 – Zoom Meeting and Facebook Livestream Start

Join us for a chat in the Zoom Meeting before the service!

10:25 – Zoom Fellowship Ends/Pre-Recorded Prelude

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts

Sue Creager

Welcome

Pastor Rob Brown

Call to Worship – Psalm 145:1-5 CEB

Todd German

Praise the LORD! Because it is good to sing praise to our God!

Because it is a pleasure to make beautiful praise!

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, gathering up Israel's exiles.

God heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.

God counts the stars by number, giving each one a name.

Our Lord is great and so strong! God's knowledge can't be grasped!

Opening Hymn

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Call to Confession

Pastor Rob Brown

Prayer of Confession – *Borrowed from* The Worship Sourcebook

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways.

Time for Silent Prayer and Confession

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ...you are forgiven

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Song of Assurance

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Passing the Peace

Leader: The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Leader: Let us take a moment, wave to each other on Zoom, send a message of peace to each other on Facebook, and invite the peace of Christ into our worship.

Zoom Users: If you are able, make sure your webcam is on and you are set to "Gallery View"

Time of Music and Meditation

Sue Creager

Prayer for Illumination

Todd German

Children's Message

Todd German

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:16-23 CEB

Todd German

¹⁶ If I preach the gospel, I have no reason to brag, since I'm obligated to do it. I'm in trouble if I don't preach the gospel. ¹⁷ If I do this voluntarily, I get rewarded for it. But if I'm forced to do it, then I've been charged with a responsibility. ¹⁸ What reward do I get? That when I preach, I offer the good news free of charge. That's why I don't use the rights to which I'm entitled through the gospel.

¹⁹ Although I'm free from all people, I make myself a slave to all people, to recruit more of them. ²⁰ I act like a Jew to the Jews, so I can recruit Jews. I act like I'm under the Law to those under the Law, so I can recruit those who are under the Law (though I myself am not under the Law). ²¹ I act like I'm outside the Law to those who are outside the Law, so I can recruit those outside the Law (though I'm not outside the law of God but rather under the law of Christ). ²² I act weak to the weak, so I can recruit the weak. I have become all things to all people, so I could save some by all possible means. ²³ All the things I do are for the sake of the gospel, so I can be a partner with it.

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31 CEB

Pastor Rob Brown

¹ Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

Wasn't it announced to you from the beginning?

Haven't you understood since the earth was founded?

²² God inhabits the earth's horizon—
its inhabitants are like locusts—

stretches out the skies like a curtain
and spreads it out like a tent for dwelling.

²³ God makes dignitaries useless
and the earth's judges into nothing.

²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely is their shoot rooted in the earth
when God breathes on them, and they dry up;
the windstorm carries them off like straw.

²⁵ So to whom will you compare me,
and who is my equal? says the holy one.

²⁶ Look up at the sky and consider:
Who created these?

The one who brings out their attendants one by one,
summoning each of them by name.

Because of God's great strength
and mighty power, not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, Jacob,
and declare, Israel,
"My way is hidden from the Lord,
my God ignores my predicament"?

²⁸ Don't you know? Haven't you heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the creator of the ends of the earth.
He doesn't grow tired or weary.

His understanding is beyond human reach,

²⁹ giving power to the tired
and reviving the exhausted.

³⁰ Youths will become tired and weary,
young men will certainly stumble;

³¹ but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength;
they will fly up on wings like eagles;
they will run and not be tired;
they will walk and not be weary.

Sermon

Pastor Rob Brown

Hymn

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Affirmation of Faith

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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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great 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.

We rightly and joyfully praise you... who forever praise your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, we thank you for Jesus Christ... for great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit... almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.

The Words of Institution

Partaking of the Meal

Prayer After Communion

A Word on Offering

Todd German

Offertory

Sue Creager

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Charge and Benediction

Pastor Rob Brown

Postlude

Worship Leaders and Technology Help:

Vocal Musician: Thomas Callahan

Instrumental Musician: Sue Creager

Lay Leader: Todd German

Technology: Thomas Monnier and Brian Zimmerman

Announcements:

Souper Bowl of Caring: Remember you can continue to give until next Tuesday (February 16th) for it to count toward the contest. You can send checks, donate through our website, and through the Facebook fundraiser! And remember, next Tuesday we will announce which church won and watch someone get a pie in the face at 6:00 P.M. on Facebook live stream!

Pastoral Care: If you have a pastoral care emergency – especially if you end up in the hospital – and would like a visit, please let Pastor Rob know. He will receive his on Friday and really misses providing pastoral care. Masks and social distancing will still apply. Also, phone calls work, too; call his cell at (260) 267-5367 to chat!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 7th: Bryan Boggess's Birthday

February 7th: JoAnn Getts's Birthday

February 8th: Don Bosse's Birthday

February 10th: Lois Walsh's Birthday (100 Years Old!)

February 10th: Karen Doehrman's Birthday

Prayer Requests

Prayers for our nation as we reckon with the attack on the Capitol and the effects of decades of division and stoking hatred against the other.

Continued struggles with the pandemic, including isolation and mental health concerns.

Zoom Instructions

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:00 for fellowship time; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468

Password: 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID: 9712063468

Password: 030414

If you have any questions before Sunday, can call Pastor Rob at (260) 267-5367

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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FORGIVENESS

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We Are Forgiven

G Am D7 Gsus G C
 We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 G Am7 Dsus D G Am
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
 D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995
 Music © 1995 Hal H. Hopson

WE ARE FORGIVEN
 10.8.10.8

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Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (D7/A) F7/C (G) B^b

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) C (D) F (A) C (D) F (Em) Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) F/A (G) B^b (D/A) F/C (A7) C7 (D) F (G) B^b (D) F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

TEXT and MUSIC: Barbara Hamm, 2008
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TABLE OF GRACE
7.7.10.7

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834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.

TEXT: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

MUSIC: George N. Allen, 1844; arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

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PRECIOUS LORD

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