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Luke 9:58



Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

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The Third Sunday After Pentecost

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – June 29, 2025

How can we pray for you? Let us know in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

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

10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts *Our Great Savior* by Prichard

Welcome

Call to Worship — from “Homiletics – June 2004

From the side of the roads we travel daily, Jesus calls:

“Follow me.”

In the midst of our duties and distractions, Jesus says again:

“Follow me.”

Even when the task seems urgent, or the person important, Jesus persists:

“Follow me.”

With focused faithfulness, let us join in worship, striving to follow him.

Opening Hymn #307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Call to Confession —

Our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to be his disciples and to follow where he leads.

Such discipleship requires honest searching of the soul that we might follow our

Lord from darkness to light and from sin to righteousness. Responding to

Christ's gracious call to discipleship, let us confess that which separates us from our Lord and ask for forgiveness of our sins.

Prayer of Confession —

God of Love, Justice and Peace: in Jesus Christ, you have called us to journey from lives of divided loyalties to lives filled with faith in our Lord. You have called us to center our hope in giving our hearts to you and in serving your kingdom with love and joy. We confess that we have often sought to serve two masters. We have sought to serve you and the claims of the world. We have sought to follow Christ in the path of righteousness while seeking the treasures of this life even to the harm of our neighbors. Gracious God: forgive all that divides our loyalties and dilutes our faith. Inspire us to hear Christ's call to follow with willing hearts. Amen

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon —

Hear the good news of the Gospel. Our Lord Jesus Christ joins us on the pathways of life with a helping hand and a welcoming word. Our Lord joins us as we struggle to understand our conflicts and doubts. Our Lord joins us to assure us of God's grace and love by which we are healed and freed. Our Lord joins us to lead us in the way of salvation. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance #581 "Gloria Patri"

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination

Let us Pray: God of gracious truth: in the voices of prophets, apostles and our Lord Jesus Christ, you speak the words of salvation, healing and peace. As the scriptures are read and proclaimed today, open our hearts to your truth that sets us free to live in your grace. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Scripture Reading: Hebrew Bible Reading — I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 p.560

15 The Lord said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. 16 Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”

19 So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. 20 Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,” he said, “and then I will come with you.”

“Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?”

21 So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — Luke 9:51-62

p.1611

51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; 53 but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. 54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” 55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them. 56 Then he and his disciples went to another village.

57 As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

58 Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

59 He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

60 Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.

61 Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

62 Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

Sermon

Two Masters

Affirmation of Faith: 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.

Hymn of Response #744 “Arise, Your Light is Come”

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.

Call to Offering

Our Lord has called us to follow him in the way of faith and we respond to that call by hearing his word and welcoming his teachings. We have heard Christ's call because those before us have given of their time, talents and treasures for the sharing of the Gospel. In this day, we give of our time, talents and treasures that those who have not heard Christ's blessed call may hear and believe. With thankfulness for what we have received, let us present our offerings to God.

Offertory *Legacy of Grace* by Logan

Doxology #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. God of Grace: the words that you speak are joy, peace, love and hope. We present our offerings to you this morning that through our offerings your word may be heard in every home in every land. Receive our offerings to the glory of your name. We pray in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #69 "Here I Am, Lord"

Char and Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter in Narthex:

The Church Office will be closed Monday, June 30th:

Just Neighbor Meals: Our next Just Neighbors meal week is July 13-18. Please contact Betsy to pick your best evening to take a meal for about 20 folks.

Per Capita: If you haven't yet paid your per capita, it's \$45.06. Each church is responsible for paying this amount per member. These funds get divided between our Whitewater Valley Presbytery, the General Assembly, and Synod to support designated ministries.

Birthdays

Evelyn Brunnegraff – July 1

Dennis Allen – July 6

Anniversaries

Tamara & Richard Searer-Jenkins

July 2008

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; 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

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

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 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. 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.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907.

CWM RHONDDA
 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
 SM
 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

TEXT: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981, alt.
 MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
 Text and Music © 1981, 2000 OCP

HERE I AM (Schutte)
 7.7.7.4.D with refrain