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Grace Presbyterian Church

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The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – July 6, 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

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* arr. by Logan

Welcome

Call to Worship –

Glorious God, we come together as a praising people, singing your goodness;
we come as a hungry people, longing to be fed;
we come as a praying people, bringing our needs, our joys;
we come as a journeying people, looking for direction.
In this hour of worship, empower us for faithful living.
Shape us into the church that you want us to be. Amen.

Opening Hymn #409 “God Is Here!”

Call to Confession –

If it was easy to follow Jesus, we would not need to ask for forgiveness.
But it is tough – tough to be grace-full, tough to be loving, tough to be forgiving.
Yet whatever we do, God loves us enough to forgive us and to feed us with the
Bread of Life. Let us offer our confession to God, praying together ...

Prayer of Confession –

Forgiving Lord, we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us
your word, both in scripture and in your Son. You have promised us your
presence, both in Spirit and in community. Even so, we neglect and reject your
purposes for us. We do not love what you love. We do not embrace what you
embrace. We choose the way of ease, rather than the way of the cross. Have
mercy on us, O God. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. And

with your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we might receive full life in Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. Amen.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon —

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

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: Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; and let your work change our hearts. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Epistle Reading — Philippians 2:5-11

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5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own
advantage;
7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — Mark 8:31-38

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31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and
that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about
this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get
behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but
merely human concerns.”

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever
wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow
me. 35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their
life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for someone to
gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? 37 Or what can anyone give in
exchange for their soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this
adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when
he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

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 #223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer After Communion

As we have been fed at this table, may we be bread for the world, as we have been set free, may we free the imprisoned, as we have received, let us give. As

we have heard, let us proclaim and may your great blessing that we have received from Creator, Son and Spirit go with us always. Amen

Call to Offering

God's love has been made known among us, for God has sent Christ into the world that all people might live. My friends, if God so loved us, we ought to love one another. No one has seen God, but if we love one another, God abides in us. Let us worship God, and seek to love as God has loved us, as we bring our gifts to God, the giver of all good gifts.

Offertory

Come to the Table by Nystrom

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

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. O God, we bring these gifts in service of Christ, King of love and peace. Continue to shape us in the likeness of Christ who came not to be served, but to serve. Use these gifts to comfort and to heal, to strengthen and empower your people to serve all creation with Christ-like compassion. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #498 "*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*"

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Heal Our Land by Brooks

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIP: We are selling SCRIP this Sunday, June 6th. A portion of each purchased card comes back to us and our ministries. To purchase Scrip or for more information see John Current.

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

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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

409

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979, rev. 1988

MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

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ABBOT'S LEIGH

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Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Glory Be to the Father

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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. Greathouse, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greathouse)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1707
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824

HAMBURG
 LM
 (alternate tune: ROCKINGHAM, 224)

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures

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

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Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

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Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) F (Bm) Dm



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
 name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) C



food for - ev - er - more.
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
 with you; do not fear!"
 tell your love and care.

(Bm) Dm (F \sharp m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (A) C (D) F



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D) F



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2005

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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BEACH SPRING

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