

*Let the one who is wise heed these things
and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.*

Psalm 107:43



Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

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The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – August 17, 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 *Jesus, I Come* by Stebbins

Welcome

Call to Worship —

From east and west, north and south, we gather in God's name,
to pray, to worship, to sing, and to praise our Lord.

We give thanks that we are part of a large, diverse faith family.

We are old. We are young. We come from tribes of all kinds.

We give thanks that God's family is one of many colors.

From black to white to every shade in between, we are children of God.

We give thanks that the narrative we proclaim belongs to everyone.

We stand with our friends and family around the world, reclaiming the name of Jesus.

So, come, let us worship God!

Opening Hymn #612 “We Praise You, O God”

Call to Confession —

When we could be revived by God's grace, we find ourselves fearing God's judgment, doubting God's joy in us, worrying that God has turned away from us. Let us come to the One who heals us and calls each of us by name. Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession —

Amazing and awesome God, you hold nothing back from us, yet we are determined to cling to what we have accumulated. We spend so much time eating out, we cannot feel the deep ache our hunger for you causes. You invite us to set aside our old ways, and walk with you, but unknown paths fill us with fear. Have mercy on us, Bread of Heaven. We come to the Table of grace and hope, not for our personal satisfaction, but for the joy of recognizing the One who calls us to new life, and for the grace to share this joy with everyone we meet. This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon —

Friends, do not be afraid. More than anything else, God would rather turn fetid swamps into pools of crystal clear water; bonds of sin into cords of compassion; sinners into servants.

God loves us. God forgives us. God lifts us to new life. Thanks be to God!

Song of Assurance #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines in Me”

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: O Lord, your Word sees to the heart of all things and speaks the truth of your blessing into every life. As we listen to these words of scripture, may we hear your everlasting Word calling us to share your healing and reconciliation with all people. We pray in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Hebrew Bible Reading – Psalm 107:1-9, 43

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- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
- 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
- 3 those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastelands,
finding no way to a city where they could settle.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty,
and their lives ebbed away.
- 6 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He led them by a straight way
to a city where they could settle.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
- 9 for he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.
- 43 Let the one who is wise heed these things
and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading – Luke 12:13-21

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- 13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”
- 14 Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?”
- 15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in truth as a living Reality,
not captured in theory or a creed,
but revealed to those who love;
the truth of Jesus, the Spirit of truth, the truth of God.

Because we believe we trust,
not blindly but open eyed and bold
as a child climbing into a mother’s lap;
the truth of Jesus, the Spirit of truth, the truth of God.

Because we believe we serve,
not as a slave that serves a tyrant
but like farmers reaping a harvest;
the truth of Jesus, the Spirit of truth, the truth of God.

Hymn of Response #716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

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

God reminds us that our faith is always personal but never private. Let us live out our faith in tangible ways that change lives as we present our morning offering. May everything we offer be done for the Gospel and glory of our Lord. Will the ushers please come forward to receive our morning offering.

Offertory — *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder* by Black

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

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. Lord, you have appointed us to be your witnesses on our block, in our neighborhood, and to the ends of the earth. Fill these gifts with the power of your Holy Spirit, and make them a blessing to your people always, everywhere, and right now. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #340 "*This is My Song*"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude — *Holy, Holy, Holy* by Dykes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Guest Next Sunday: Next Sunday, August 24th, Ermina Mustedanagic, CEO of Wellspring, will be our special guest. She will be sharing how this partner ministry of Grace impacts the growing needs in our community during the service.

The Church Office will be closed August 28th & 29th:

Session Meets Today After the Service:

Birthdays

Tamera Menkes - August 19

Frank Dee Lehman - August 20

Jon Wolf - August 21

Bob Fahrenbach - August 24

Anniversaries

Bill & Kathy Graney

July 29, 1995

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

We Praise You, O God 612

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring,
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

TEXT: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt.

MUSIC: *Nederlandsch Gedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSER

12.11, 12.11

(this tune in a lower key, 336)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

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

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

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

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

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

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

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

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days,
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.

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

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Music Harm. © 1958, ren. 1986 Broadman Press (admin. Music Services)

BEACH SPRING

B,7,B,7,D

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
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but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.