

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” Matthew 20:16



Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

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The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – July 14, 2024

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

Breathe with Breathe on Me, Breath of God arr. by Fettke

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 #93 “Life Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Call to Confession –

Sometimes we fear that when we confess all that is wrong, we will be exposed and condemned. Our hope in Christ tells us a different thing, that when we confess we open up the way to mercy and forgiveness. Trusting in that hope, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

Prayer of Confession –

Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them. Too often we try to measure our faithfulness by comparing ourselves with others. Forgive our pride and our insecurities, our self-absorption and our self-destruction. Forgive each step we take away from you. Bring us back into your forgiving arms and teach us once again, your way. Amen.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon –

The good news in Christ is that God offers us life at every moment, inviting us to the freshness of new beginnings. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free in grace. Dare to accept the gift of a new beginning.

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 and Mysterious God, open our eyes to see you in our midst, open our ears to hear your word afresh, open our hearts to know your grace. Give us understanding minds and willing spirits, that we might be continually made new by your love. In the name of the living Word we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Old Testament Reading – Genesis 12:1-7

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The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

2

“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

3

I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth

will be blessed through you.”

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. 5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring[c] I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading – Matthew 19:27-20:16

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²⁷ Peter answered him, “We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?”

²⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

⁷ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸ “‘When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹ “‘The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³ “‘But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶ “‘So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’”

Sermon

But What’s in it for us?

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 #326 “For All the Saints”

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.

Call to Offering

God says “I will bless you, so that you will be a blessing”. As God’s presence fills us, may we give from our abundance, from the first fruits of our lives, so that others may be fed. We offer our gifts and ourselves to the glory of God.

Offertory *In the Garden arr. by Wolaver*

Doxology #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. God, we live in grateful thanksgiving for all that you have given us. In the upside-down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. May we be abundant and fruitful with our lives, offering up our gifts as if they were songs of joyful praise. Use us, and use our gifts, in and through the grace of Christ. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Joyous Toccata* by Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Session to Meet Next Sunday: Session meets next week following the service. If you are responsible for a report please get it to the church office by Wednesday, July 17th.

The Online Giving Option: You can give your offerings via virtual giving. You can sign up with the link included in our digital weekly email. If you have any questions, need help understanding how to sign up, or would like the link emailed to you please contact the office. Fear not if you don't want to give virtually. Just keep supporting us the way you are.

United Faith Food Bank Needs: Our friends at the United Faith food bank know their customers and their needs. Right now they are incredibly low/out of canned vegetables (especially green beans and corn) and will not be getting any large donations of them for a while. If you'd like to help, bring a donation of food to our narthex and leave it in our shopping cart. They are also in need of plastic bags.

Just Neighbors Dinners: Thanks for everyone stepping up! Between everyone who's pitched in, Grace has covered the entire week of July 14th-19th.

Birthdays

Teri Seitz—July 17

Anniversaries

Richard & Tamara Searer-Jenkins*

July 8, 2008

*was missed in publication

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

192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Capo 2: (G) (C) (G) (D) (G)
A D A E A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our

(C) (G) (D) (C) (D)
D A E D E

midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

(Bm7) (Em7) (C) (D) (Bm7)
C#m7 F#m7 D E C#m7

World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now
en - ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your

(Em7) (F) (Dsus)(D) (F) (Dsus)(D)
F#m7 G Esus E G Esus E

bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain (G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)
A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8/Mark 9:2-8/Luke 9:28-36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (Am/G) (F) (D7sus) (D7)
 A E F#m D A Bm Bm/A G E7sus E7

Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)
 A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 A E F#m D A Bm E7 A

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

SERVICE MUSIC

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.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

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 MUSIC: Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873
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ASSURANCE
 9.10.9.9 with refrain

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my
 song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The first system contains the lyrics 'all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my'. The second system contains the lyrics 'song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

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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.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines. The lyrics are: '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

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THE WORD

450 Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
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