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Grace Presbyterian Church Fort Wayne, IN July 7, 2024

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – July 7, 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

Prayer for Unity arr. by Keil

Welcome

Call to Worship -

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

maker of heaven and earth.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Call to Confession —

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Prayer of Confession —

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Assurance of Pardon —

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of 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 Iesus 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

<u>Let us Pray</u>: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Old Testament Reading — 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 p.521

¹⁰ Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David.

¹¹ He had reigned forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

³Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

⁴The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

⁶Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷ "Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. ¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴ And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — John 6:51-58

p.1658

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

⁵³ Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

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 #insert "In the Garden"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick and welcomed sinners. He shared our pain and died our death, then rose to new life that we might live and all creation be restored.

- With knowledge of your love we come to you asking you send your peace that surpasses understanding to the families of Gail Bellis and Connie Stucky.
- We ask that you lay your hands on Sue Creager. Be with her and comfort them as she continues in her recovery.

Receive these prayers, O God, in the tenderness of your mighty hand.

We continue now, boldly together, as our savior Christ has taught us, His 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

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Offertory Come, Christians, Join to Sing arr. by Englert

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

Prayer of Dedication —

<u>Let us pray.</u> Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #157 "I Danced in the Morning"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Variations on "Morning Song" arr. by Ritter

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

Sunday School and Bible Studies Return: Save the date! Our classes and studies will begin again, starting on September 15th. We are planning a meal to go along with the kick off. Keep your eyes open for more information about food and studies.

Save the Date - Grace Fall Rummage Sale - September 20-21st: We've got a few things left to sell. More info to come.

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.

Birthdays

Tamera Menkes - August 19
Frank Dee Lehman - August 20
Jon Wolf - August 21
Bob Fahrenbach - August 24

Anniversaries

Bryan & Beth Boggess August 24, 1965 Dr. Rachel & Greg Lilly August 25, 2018

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

For the Beauty of the Earth 14



In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851 GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

In the Garden

C. Austin Miles

Arranged by Michael D. Young



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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology



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

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE



This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

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