

Sunday October 4, 2020
Grace Presbyterian Church,
Midland, Texas
Cheryl Homsher, Pastor
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Judy Brown, Assisting Elder
CCLI # 1174331



Prelude "Praeludium, op.87, no. 1" Sechter

Greeting and Announcements

A Time for Stewardship

Jim Blischke, Resource Team

***Call to Worship**

We come because we want to know God, who seeks to shape us as faithful people.
Not that we already are, but we strive to be the community of grace.

We come because we want to know Jesus, who would plant justice deep in our hearts.
Not that we always do, but we seek to welcome each person.

We come because we want to know the Spirit, who shines hope on all people.
Not that we always are able, but we seek to share the light of peace in our world.

***Hymn "In Christ There Is no East or West" (Glory to God #318)**

(hum or whisper the words in prayer)

In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord, Close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whatever your race may be!

All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, In him meet south and north.

All Christly souls are one in him Throughout the whole wide earth.

Confession and Pardon

Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings. In the knowledge of God's mercy, we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world. In the confidence of God's children let us confess our sins.

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our

consumerist behavior and for personal gain. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honor the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

silent confession

Let us not boast, but simply open ourselves to the grace, the forgiveness, the hope given to us by our God.

It is that faith in Christ which restores us to new life, faith beyond anything of any value.

Thanks be to God for this good news.

We are prized, we are loved, we are valued. Amen.

Readings from scripture

Isaiah 58:5-9

Matthew 5:14-16

Sermon "Let Your Light Shine"



*Affirmation of Faith (*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 "Come to the Table of Grace" (Glory to God #507)

(hum or whisper the words in prayer)

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not your or mine. Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace...

Come to the table of light...

Come to the table of hope....

The Lord's Supper

(All who humbly put their trust in Jesus Christ are welcome and invited to participate in the sacrament regardless of church affiliation.)

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you....

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise...

(the prayer continues)

...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 and Communion of the People

Partake of the bread and cup.

Special Music "Lyrisch Stuck" Sechter

Prayer after Communion

Litany: Called to Carry the Light *(from the Wellspring Worship Group)*

Congregational Response (at the end):

Whom shall the Lord send to carry the light? Here we are Lord, send us!

Special Music: "This Little Light of Mine"

Ralph Truskowski, solo

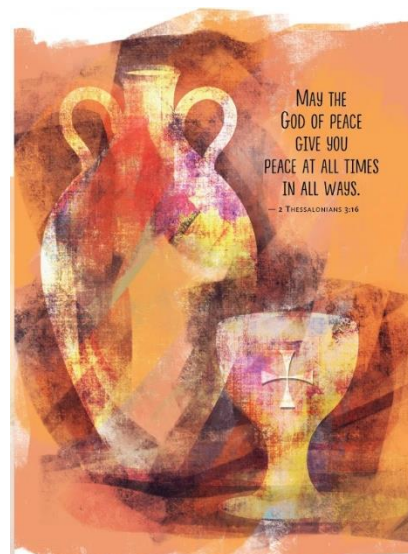
*Charge and Blessing

Postlude "Voluntary" Vogler

**Please rise in body or spirit*

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Joyce Sherrod in gratitude for your healing hands during these troubled times.

** Offering: please place your tithes and gifts in the offering plates by the doors when you leave.*



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The people of Grace Presbyterian Church gather to seek and to worship God, and disperse, sharing and celebrating through love and service, the grace of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>10/4/20 9:30 am</u>	<u>Adult classroom & ZOOM</u>
<u>Worship</u>	<u>10/4/20 11:00 am</u>	<u>Sanctuary</u>
<u>Reunion Group</u>	<u>10/6/20 11:30 am</u>	<u>Koinonia room</u>
<u>Celebration!! Handbells</u>	<u>10/6/20 7:00 pm</u>	<u>Fellowship Hall</u>
<u>Worship Team Meeting</u>	<u>10/7/20 9:30 am</u>	<u>ZOOM</u>
<u>Soul Sisters</u>	<u>10/7/20 2:00 pm</u>	<u>Ann W. Home</u>
<u>Youth</u>	<u>10/7/20 6:00 pm</u>	<u>Youth Room</u>
<u>Bulletin information due for following Sunday</u>	<u>10/7/20</u>	
<u>Re-Grouping Meeting</u>	<u>10/8/20 7:00 pm</u>	<u>ZOOM</u>
<u>Tres Rios Presbytery Meeting</u>	<u>10/9/20 1:00 pm</u>	<u>ZOOM</u>
<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>10/11/20 9:30 am</u>	<u>Adult classroom & ZOOM</u>
<u>Worship</u>	<u>10/11/20 11:00 am</u>	<u>Sanctuary</u>
<u>Congregational Meeting</u>	<u>10/11/20 12:00 pm</u>	<u>Sanctuary</u>

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to you as you worship with us today! You honor us by your presence and we give thanks for you. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to make your church home with us. For more information about uniting with this church, please speak to Pastor Cheryl Homsher or Assisting Elder, Judy Brown.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The session has called for a congregational meeting to be held after worship Sunday, October 11, 2020, for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee, and electing elders and members from the congregation-at-large to the Nominating Committee.

Those being placed in nomination are:

To be elected to the session:

Class of 2021: Peggy Jezek, Alana Carl (Youth elder)

Class of 2023: Lynda Clark, Violet Singh, Ralph Truszkowski (*also to serve as trustee)

To be elected to the Nominating Committee, class of 2022: Roger Clark, Judia Foreman

BOO BOXES

Grace will be packing Boo Boxes for our college students, once again! These boxes are packed with spookily good sweets and snacks. There will be a collection box in the narthex (by the Fellowship Hall), for candies and snack items.

COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CLINIC SUPPORT

This month we're gathering supplies for the Community Children's Clinic, until the end of October. Bring the following items to the church, leave them on or near the 'Mission Table'. Thank you for your support.

They need: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Letter-sized Copy Paper