

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

(7th Sunday after Pentecost)

9:30 AM
July 23, 2017

--Ready for the Word--

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

by Parry

“Aberystwyth”

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Today is a great day to worship our God.

People: Indeed, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Today is a great day for us to finally change.

People: Indeed, we will finally change to believe in God’s plan.

Leader: Today, we will finally give our full measure of devotion to our King.

People: Praise be to God.

Choral Beginning – sung with Congregation Grove Songbook No. 88

“This is the Day”

*We Sing Together

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“We Praise You, O God”

We Confess Together

Lord of Mercy, we come to you in great humility because of the awesome power that you hold. We confess that we have been a lethargic people by not doing as you command us to do. We confess that we don’t hold others and ourselves to a higher standard of Christianity in the face of challenge. We confess that we do not love others like we ought to. We confess that we have had very little faith, hope, and courage in the midst of adversity. Please cradle us in your spirit to accomplish thy will. In your name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: How blessed we are to have had our savior die for us. Repeating the same sin or sins, just doesn’t make any sense. Why would we?

People: We are forgiven, we have nothing to fear.

Leader: We must make our self right, we must be better Christians.

People: We will believe and love.

Leader: His love is forever, and you are forgiven.

*Response

Hymnal No. 223

Verse 2: God forgives all your transgressions, all diseases gently heals; God redeems you from destruction, and with you so kindly deals.

--Receiving the Word--

*Passing of the Peace

Children’s Story

“Pick up the Litter”

*Song of Praise

Hymnbook No. 280

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 501)

Psalm 23

New Testament Lesson (page 94)

John 3: 16

Reflection

“Giving it to God”

Musical Offering

arranged by Gaulke

“Peace is Flowing Like a River”

--Responding to the Word--

Prayers of the People and 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, for ever. Amen.

Offertory

by Thompson

“Oil in My Vessel”

*Hymn of Commitment

Grove Songbook No. 89

“This Little Light of Mine”

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction – sung with Congregation

Hymnbook No. 391

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Verse 1

*Musical Postlude

*Please rise as able

Participants in today’s service include: Todd Gibson (worship leader, reflection, children’s story), Alf Bashore (prelude and offertory) Senior Choir (choral introit and benediction, musical offering), Joy Christian (organist). Visiting preacher for next week – The Rev. Sally Dries. Sermon: “Weaving the Future”