



God Has Many Names

Grove Presbyterian Church

Worship Service

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24th, 2020 10:15 AM



Sanctuary flowers are given today by Rennie and Mary Beth Crane to the Glory of God and in gratitude for our Grove Family.

****Please join in reading and singing the bold print selections**

Welcome

Prelude

by Tchaikovsky

“Morning Prayer”

Call to Worship

We shout for joy, to God who rides upon the clouds!

**We sing praises to our awe-inspiring God,
before whom the earth quakes,
and whose abundant blessings provide for all in need!**

God is Sovereign over the earth,
Defender of the defenseless, and Parent to orphans;
God creates families for those who are alone.

**God leads captives to freedom
and breaks the yoke of oppression.**

God goes forth before the people,
marching through the wilderness of their lives,
bringing forth restoration and justice.

**Sing praise to God,
Rider of the ancient skies,
who dwells in holiness.**

Proclaim the power of God!

O God, how awesome you are in your sanctuary!

You give power and strength to your people.

Let us worship God!

Gathering Hymn

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

**O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.**

**Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,
there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.**

This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.

**The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation, the glory of all things.**

Prayer of Confession

Blessed One, you created human beings for your glory and pleasure. Forgive us our anxiety in these troubled days, And empower in us your vision for a just and loving life in community. Forgive us for ignoring the prompting of your Spirit, your purpose for our lives, and for placing our will above yours. Grant us courage to share in Christ's sufferings, to be his witnesses, and to carry your loving compassion to a hurting world. Amen.

Words of Assurance

As the Body of Christ, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's witnesses. Each of us has our own story of what Jesus' life means for us. Through our life-stories we can convey hope to the hopeless, joy to the downtrodden, and peace where there is turmoil. Therefore, let us "clothe ourselves in humility," sharing the Good News of Christ, that we "may all be one." In this God is well pleased. Let us greet each with Christ's peace.

Children's Sermon

Special Music

"His Name is Wonderful"

His name is Wonderful..., Jesus my Lord.
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He's the Great Shepherd, the rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He.
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

Old Testament Lesson:

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

New Testament Lesson:

John 17:1-11

Sermon:

“What’s in a Name?”

Special Music

“I Sing Praises to Your Name”

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord, praises to Your name, O Lord;
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised...

I give glory to Your name O Lord, glory to Your name O Lord;
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised...

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Blessing

Sending Song

“I Will Bless the Lord”

I will bless the Lord and give Him glory.
Oh, I will bless His name and give Him glory.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
Great in kindness and good to all.
The Lord is righteous in all His ways,
Bless the Lord and give Him praise.
I will bless the Lord...

Postlude

arranged by Hopson

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

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Participants in today’s service: Stephanie Smith Cooney (worship leader), Stephanie Smith Cooney, Birgit Dugan and Cathy Sanders (music), Eric Deeter (children’s sermon), Scott Lawvere (recording), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper.