



Grove Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Outdoor Worship in the Grove

Worship Service
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020 10:15 AM

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Please be sure to wear a mask.

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude

by Gregg Sewell

“Aria of Dedication”

Call to Worship

One: Do unto others as you would have done to you.

All: We will forgive; we will show grace.

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All: We will treat people fairly; we will pray for one another. We will bring our grief before God.

Praise Medley

Oh, the Glory of His Presence:

Oh the glory of Your presence;

We Your temple give You rev'rence.

Come and rise from Your rest,

And be blessed by our praise;

As we glory in Your embrace,

As Your presence now fills this place.

His Praise Fills the Temple:

**His praise fills the temple, His peace fills my heart;
His joy and His glory He did wondrously impart.
The blessed name of Jesus brought me freedom from sin;
Now His praise fills the temple,
and His Spirit dwells within.**

Prayer of Confession

God, sometimes we wonder how the world came to be the way it is. We see disunity and sin all around us. Yet, how often do we stop and ask what part we're playing in all of it. Help us to be people of peace, love and grace. Help us to be the change we hope to see in the world. Let us give up the sin that so easily entangles and strive toward the hope we find in God today, tomorrow, and forevermore.

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

God, we know that we cannot live up to your will, but in all the ways we fall short you fill the gaps. In Christ, we are made whole. Amen.

Passing of the Peace (air waves, no touching)

Children's Sermon

Presentation of Bibles

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson

Leviticus 19:15-18,34

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 7:12-14

Sermon Series: #Blessed

"Be the Change"

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Dedication of 2020-2021 Christian Education Staff

Litany of Dedication

DCE: Paul wrote to the Ephesians saying, “The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building of the body of Christ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.” (Ephesians 4: 11-13) This is a year which proves to be more interesting than the last due to the continued COVID pandemic. In the face of the pandemic, these individuals are committed to teaching children about God. These individuals are learning new ways to connect with children and to support faith development. I invite them to stand wherever they are at home or on the grove as their name is read that we may affirm our ministry together and ask God for grace, wisdom, health, safety, and creativity. *(Staff names are read)*

PASTOR: God, who calls us to service, we thank you for the people who prayerfully present themselves for the work of Christian education and faith formation.

TEACHERS/LEADERS: *Gracious God, thank you for this opportunity for service. Teach us so that we can teach others.*

CONGREGATION: Gracious God, thank you for these people who have felt your call to be teachers and leaders.

PASTOR: God, who equips us for the work of ministry, we ask that you guide and equip these your servants in their work as teachers, leaders, advisors, and caregivers.

TEACHERS/LEADERS: Guiding God, thank you for this opportunity to teach. Equip us that we may equip others.

CONGREGATION: Guiding God, thank you for guiding our teachers and leaders.

PASTOR: God, who desires that we find unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God in full stature of Christ, bless these individuals with wisdom and maturity that they may nurture others in fulfilling Baptismal vows.

TEACHERS/LEADERS: Nurturing God, thank you for this opportunity to grow. Nurture us that we may nurture others.

CONGREGATION: Nurturing God, thank you for being present with our teachers and leaders as they teach our children and us.

PASTOR: Teachers and leaders of Grove Christian Education, do you promise to teach and lead, to commit your time and effort to this loving task seeing all who come before you as children of God.

TEACHERS/LEADERS: We do.

PASTOR: People of this congregation, will you support these servants with your prayers and your words of love and encouragement?

CONGREGATION: We will.

PASTOR: Children, do you promise to participate in Sunday School activities whether in-person or virtually, listen to the stories, and tell your friends what you have learned?

CHILDREN: We do.

PASTOR: Youth and Adults, do you promise to participate in Sunday school activities whether in-person or virtually, listen to the stories, and tell your friends what you have learned?

YOUTH/ADULTS: We do.

PASTOR: Teacher of us all, we give this year of learning to you. Keep us mindful of the commitments we make here this day that we can experience unity in seeking your will, in following your ways, and in developing a faith which builds the body of Christ.

ALL: AMEN!

Sending Chorus

by Karen Lafferty

“Seek Ye First”

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And His righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.**

Allelu, alleluia.

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.**

Allelu, alleluia.

Blessing

Postlude

by Ralph Vaughan Williams

“Go to the World!”



**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of teachers and students at Grove and
throughout our community.**

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Participants in today's service: Dave Sanders (worship leader), Kessey Kieselhorst, Cathy Sanders (music), Lynne Pabst (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper.



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