



Grove Presbyterian Church

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The Reverend Jason Clapper, Pastor

Worship Service

Justice Advocacy Sunday

April 3, 2022 10:15 AM

We invite you to sing and read the bold text and stand when you see an asterisk ().*

Gathering Music by *Vidas Pinkevicius (2022)*

“Prayer for Peace”, Op. 95

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *arr. by Larry Shackley*

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Call to Worship (*Eccl. 3, Adapted*)

One: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

All: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

One: A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

All: A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to choose;

One: A time to keep silent, and a time to speak; a time for war, and a time for peace.

All: God, we choose you in this time; let us worship you together.

*Gathering Hymn #250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

Prayer of Confession (*Follow Me, Adapted*)

Abundant God, so much of our harmful behavior is rooted in our envy. You have given us our manna—our daily bread—but we want more. We have allowed ourselves to be seduced by commercialism, telling ourselves that we are not complete until we have the nicest things. Forgive us when our actions convey that you are not enough for us. Help us to live our lives simply and faithfully, trusting in your steadfast love to provide all that we need. Amen.

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, our salvation is not something that can be purchased or earned. Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone. I announce to you this day, our sins are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri (*Hymn #581*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Passing of the Peace (*air waves, no touching*)

Children's Sermon

*Hymn – Grove Sings Praises pg. 101

“You Are My All in All”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 4:1-5

New Testament Reading

Mark 6:30-44

Sermon

“What's in Your Hand?”

Moment of Reflection *see insert*

Celebration of Holy Communion



As we invite you to partake in Holy Communion, we encourage those at home to use your own bread and fruit of the vine. We will share the elements together.

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, forever. Amen.

*Hymn #835

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*Blessing

*Choral Blessing

*Christ be beside me, Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.*

Postlude by *Vidas Pinkevicius (2022)*

“March on Ukrainian Song ‘Oh, in the Meadow Red Viburnum’”, Op. 83

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
F7 B^b Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
B^b Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

You Are My All in All

Words & Music by
Dennis Jernigan

Unison

F C E Dm E C E A

1. You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I
2. Tak-ing my sin, my cross, my shame. Ris-ing a-gain, I bless Your

B \flat E C C F B \flat F

seek. You are my all in all.
name. You are my all in all.

F C E Dm E C E A

Seek-ing You as a pre-cious jewel. Lord, to give up, I'd be a
When I fall down, You pick-me up. When I am dry, You fill-my

B \flat E C C F^{sus} F B \flat C

fool. You are my all in all.
cup. You are my all in all.

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CHORUS

Opt. 3 part

F C E Dm E C F E A B \flat E C C

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your

F C B \flat C E B \flat E C C F^{sus} F

name. wor - thy is Your name.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee 835

Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,
 1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for

Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*

The chromatic musical style of this anonymous short hymn suggests that it probably dates from the early 20th century. It also seems to owe much of its popularity to radio broadcasts and recordings as well as to evangelistic meetings and singing conventions of that era.

LITANY FOR JUSTICE ADVOCACY SUNDAY

*excerpts from A Social Creed for the 21st Century
adopted by the 218 General Assembly of the PC(USA)*

One: In FAITH, responding to our Creator, we celebrate the full humanity of each woman, man and child—all created in the divine image as individuals of infinite worth...

All: By working for full civil, political and economic rights for women, men and children.

One: In LOVE, incarnate in Jesus, we honor deep connections within our human family and seek to awaken a new spirit of community...

All: By working for abatement of hunger and poverty and the enactment of policies benefiting the most vulnerable.

One: In HOPE, sustained by the Holy Spirit, we pledge to be peacemakers in the world and stewards of God's good creations...

All: By working for adoptions of simpler lifestyles for those who have enough, and grace over greed in economic life.

One: We commit ourselves to a culture of peace and freedom that embraces non-violence, nurtures character, treasures the environment, and builds community, rooted in a spirituality of inner growth and outward action.

All: We make this commitment together as members of Christ's body, led by the one Spirit, trusting in God who makes all things new.

¹⁰ *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.* John 10:10

Participants in today's service: Merry Hackenberg (worship leader); Lynn Fait, Karen Tinstman (deacons); Eric Deeter (children's sermon); Senior Choir (music); Scott Lawvere (audio/video); Joy Christian (organist); Rev. Jason Clapper (pastor); Laurel Clapper (coffee hour)



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