Grace United Methodist Church

September 24, 2023

Greeting Laurie White

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Patrice Robinson

"Step by Step" with "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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*Call to Worship Psalm 100

- L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- P: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
- L: Know that the Lord is God.
- P: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
- P: Give thanks to him; bless his name.
- L: For the Lord is good;
- P: His steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn of Praise

"Trust and Obey"

UMH 467

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When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Chorus

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. (Chorus)

But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. (Chorus)

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey. (Chorus)

*Passing the Peace

L: May the peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

A Season of Prayer

Invitation to Prayer Philippians 4:4-8

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen!

Anthem "If We Ever Needed The Lord Before" Chancel Choir Words and Music by Thomas A Dorsey, arr. by Lloyd Larson arr. (c) 2013 Lorenz Publishing Co. CCLI #1365061

Scripture Reading Matthew 7:24-27

L: This is the word of God!

P: Thanks be to God!

Song of Preparation "Seek Ye First" UMH 405

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And his righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. 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!

"Yertle the Turtle" Rev. Sharon Pajak Message

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Patrice Robinson

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*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Lord, we thank for your faithfulness. Thank you that we can always trust in you. you are an abundant God and out of your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it we worship you and give our whole selves to you. Please now take it and use it for your kingdom and your glory. Extend and multiple its reach and influence we pray. May it be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn of Response

"My Hope Is Built"

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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When Darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Chorus)

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *(Chorus)*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!
(Chorus)

*Blessing

*Music for Going Forth

"Cornerstone"

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