

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The 20th Sunday in Pentecost

October 18, 2020 • 10:00 AM

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord our God!
Glorious and powerful is the God of all creation!
In reverent awe, we gather to worship our God.
The Lord our God is a Forgiving God!
'Fairness' and 'Justice' are the names of our God.
In reverent awe, we gather to offer our thanks and praise.
Come Let us worship the living God!

Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

GTG # 307

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we place our trust in tangible things—things we can see and touch—and question whether you are really there. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to recognize that you are always nearby, patiently waiting for us to recognize your presence and your glory. Help us when we lose our way, and forgive us when we forget to whom we truly belong. God of love, open our eyes to see you; open our ears to hear you; open our hearts to love you; and open our hands to serve you. Hear this prayer and hear us now as we offer our confession in the silence...

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Psalm for the Day

Psalm 99

*The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
Extol the Lord our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!*

*Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.
He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees,
and the statutes that he gave them.*

*O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
Extol the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy.*

One: The Word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks Be to God.

A Moment for Children

John Bowling

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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The Sermon

"Paying What's Due"

Rev. Thom Lamb

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

GTG # 39

The Prayers of the People – The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

GTG # 716

Benediction

Benediction Response

Stan Simons