

Confirmation Sunday



May 16, 2021
7th Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday

Life at Grace Announcements

Opening Voluntary

"The Church's One Foundation"
"Morning Has Broken"

arr. David Blackwell (9:30AM)
arr. Dan Forrest (11AM)

* Call to Worship *(responsive)*

Here, in this place,
we discover the great things God has done.
In story and song, in silence and sacrament,
we are reminded that God's relationship with us lasts forever.
Here, with these people, we find our true home, our true family,
with whom we can eat and pray, laugh and cry.
Here, in Christ's church, we share and become who God is calling us to be:
People of love and faith, joy and praise.

* Hymn 305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148th

**1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!**

Refrain:

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

**2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! (Refrain)**

**3 Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified! (Refrain)**

**4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! (Refrain)**

Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession

Gracious and loving God, you have laid out your intentions for us, your beloved community. You call us to bear one another's burdens, sharing our gifts and treasure with one another. Forgive us when we hoard what we have. When we cling to our belongings as our security, give us hearts ready to share. You call us to fellowship, teaching, and prayer. Forgive us when we neglect the important parts of our life as a community of faith. When our life together feels mundane, renew our excitement at serving one another. Help us to marvel in the power of the Spirit, which makes transformation possible. We know we can be changed this day, O God, by the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

... Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.

* Response (Hymn 582) "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

VASILE

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

We share the peace of Christ as a sign that all of us are welcomed in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Share this peace with a friendly wave saying, "The peace of the risen Christ be with you!"
And also with you!

Praise

"Holy Spirit"

by Bryan Torwalt and Katie Torwalt

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

Prayer for Illumination

1st Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 2:4-10

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."
To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and

"A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

2nd Scripture Lesson

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Message

"The Earliest Church"

Reception of Confirmands

*Libby Boles, Mentor Michelle Rutherford
Nathan Dahlberg, Mentor David Hurwich*

Sacrament of Baptism

Nathan Dahlberg

9:30AM service only

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

*Affirmation of Faith

God is the creator of heaven and earth. He is the one and only God who rules over everything and everywhere. God breathed the Holy Spirit into us to live following Jesus' example. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, he lived life here on earth and died for our sins. He rose again and defeated death. He ascended to sit with the father and will return to earth again. The Holy Spirit remains in us and guides us to do the right thing.

We believe the sacraments are a visible sign of an invisible grace. We celebrate these acts as a community of believers. As Christ's church we worship and work together to spread God's love to the world around us. We do this through tithing and using the gifts God has given us to serve and love others.

Praise

"Blessing"

by Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, and Steven Furtick

Verse

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus

Amen Amen Amen

Bridge

May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children and their children

Bridge

May his presence go before you
And behind you and beside you
All around you and within you
He is with you He is with you

Bridge

In the morning in the evening
In your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing
He is for you He is for you

Pastoral Prayer, Quilt Prayer and The Lord's Prayer *(responsive)*,

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

Time of Commitment

Tithes & Offerings

"Walk By Faith"

Exultation Choir

Joel Raney

* Doxology

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

*** Hymn 475**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*** Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

"Darwall's 148th"
"Fantasia in F"

arr. James Biery (9:30AM)
G. P. Telemann (11AM)

The quilt being prayed over in the Sanctuary is for Cyndi Flanagan, in memory of her mother, Margery Kadi. Please keep Cyndi and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Participating in Worship

Rev. Dr. Tracey Davenport
Rev. Cara Ellis
Michael King
Jordana Kelley
Andrew Packard
Teri Waite
Libby Boles
Nathan Dahlberg
Deann Collins
Mark Kinney
Roy Davis

Pastor, Head of Staff
Associate Pastor of Family Ministries
Director of Music Ministries
Worship Leader
Organist
Confirmation
Liturgist
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Grace Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of faith,

- *Seeking unity as we follow Christ,*
- *Loving and supporting each other,*
- *Learning and growing together, and*
- *Serving those in need in Plano and the world.*



Tithes & Offerings

