

**September 6, 2020**  
**Grace Presbyterian Church**

**Call to Worship**

*(Psalm 149)*

Praise the Lord!  
Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,  
for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.  
Let the faithful sing for joy.

**Hymn 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

**Prayer of Confession**

*(Romans 8)*

**Lord God,  
while we were still slaves to sin,  
you died for our salvation.  
Yet we still worship the false gods of the world,  
forgetting that you are Lord.  
Loving worldly wealth,  
we have not loved you with our whole heart  
nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
Trusting worldly strength,  
we have not trusted your word  
nor followed the Word-made-flesh.  
Forgiving by worldly norms,  
we have not shown mercy to others  
as you have shown mercy to us.  
Forgive us yet again, we pray.**

*(Silent confession)*

**Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:  
Who is in a position to condemn?  
Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;  
Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 149**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

<sup>4</sup>For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.  
<sup>5</sup>Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.  
<sup>6</sup>Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,  
<sup>7</sup>to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,  
<sup>8</sup>to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,  
<sup>9</sup>to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

### **Matthew 18:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

### **Romans 13:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### **Hymn 744 “Arise, Your Light Is Come”**