

Order of Worship Service
September 26, 2021
18th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDES	Air and Sarabande - Thiman If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee – arr. Young
WELCOME	
CALL TO WORSHIP	
OUR RESPONSE - HYMN #653	Make Me a Servant (SERVANT) <i>*lyrics printed below</i>
OPENING PRAYER	
CHOIR	The Servant Song – arr. Pulkingham <i>*lyrics printed below</i>
HYMN #103	Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (HANOVER) <i>*lyrics printed below</i>
COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH LEADERS:	Introductory Remarks and Responsive Reading <i>*reading printed below</i> Prayer and Sung Blessing: ‘May the Love of God Shine Through You’ – Stevens <i>*lyrics printed below</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord.</i> Congregation response: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>
HYMN #661	Be Strong in the Lord (FETTKE) <i>*lyrics printed below</i>
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Lisa Hargraves Leader: <i>Lord, in your mercy</i> Congregational Response: <i>Hear our prayer</i>
CHOIR	If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee - Lindh <i>*lyrics printed below</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 9:38-50 Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord.</i> Congregation response: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>
SOLO	Teach Me, Lord - Purifoy <i>*lyrics printed below</i>
MESSAGE	Life at the Crossroads of Us vs. Them Randall Holm
HYMN #666	Who is on the Lord’s Side? (ARMAGEDDON) <i>*lyrics printed below</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UB2YJVXm3Fw
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim – Haan

Worship Leader	- Wilma Wiens
Minister of Pastoral & Spiritual Care	- Wilma Wiens
Minister of Music	- Margot Sim
Scripture Readers	- Wilma Wiens, Randall Holm
Soloist	- Ken Penner

NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 3 (World Communion Sunday): David Johnson will be speaking on “Is God like Jesus?” with scriptures John 6:44-58 and Hebrews 1:1-4

MAKE ME A SERVANT (Kelly Willard)

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

THE SERVANT SONG (Richard Gillard)

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear,
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

YE SERVANTS OF GOD, YOUR MASTER PROCLAIM (Charles Wesley)

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name.
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious, he rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save, and still he is nigh – his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

“Salvation to God who sits on the throne!” Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might.
All honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

MAY THE LOVE OF GOD SHINE THROUGH YOU (J. Paul Williams)

May the love of God shine through you, may His mercy and peace keep you true.
May you stand with great joy in His presence.
May the love and grace of God fall on you. Amen.

BE STRONG IN THE LORD (Linda Lee Johnson)

Be strong in the Lord and be of good courage,
Your mighty defender is always the same.
Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending.
Victory is sure when you call on his name.
Chorus: Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord
And be of good courage for he is your guide.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,
And rejoice for the victory is yours.

So put on the armor the Lord has provided,
And place your defense in in his unfailing care.
Trust him for he will be with you in battle,
Lighting your path to avoid every snare. **Chorus**

Be strong in the Lord and be of good courage,
Your mighty Commander will vanquish the foe.
Fear not the battle for the victory is always his.
He will protect you where-ever you go. **Chorus**

IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE THEE (George Neumark)

If thou but suffer God to guide thee and hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the Rock that naught can move.
Only be still and wait His leisure in cheerful hope with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure, and all discerning love hath sent,
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known, to Him who chose us for His own.
Sing, pray and keep His ways unswerving, in all thy labor faithful be.
And trust His Word, though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusts in Him indeed.

TEACH ME, LORD (John Purifoy)

Teach me, Lord, to be thy servant, seek thy will and know thy holy ways.
Give me help when my strength is waning, comfort me in times of failing.
Send the peace when the darkness is spreading o'er me, that I might know
You are my light; you are the source of all my hopes and joys.
Forgive me, blessed Father, when my footsteps may falter.
Help me rise above every tempter's snare. May I rest always in your care.
Speed the loftiest wings of your Spirit unto my soul
And fill me with power divine that I may be only Thine.
Complete and whole am I for I am only Thine.

Grace Bible Church
Commissioning of Church Leaders – September 26, 2021

Pastor: Today is a significant day for us as Grace Bible Church as we commission and bless our leadership Board. These are the people that you have chosen and affirmed to be your servant leaders. What words do you have for them?

Congregation: We hold you and your positions of leadership in high regard. We chose you through prayerful discernment. We do not take lightly our desire to have you lead us with courage, commitment, humility and compassion.

Board: We receive your affirmation with gratitude and humility. We honor your confidence in our capacity to be your servant leaders. We pledge to you that we will be responsible bearers of your trust.

Congregation: We trust you to give willingly and sacrificially to the well-being of Grace Bible Church. Guide us as we seek to live out our vision statement to one another, in this community and in the world. Be prophets, calling us to the hard truth of the gospel that we would sometimes rather forget. In your areas of responsibility, be wise and prudent leaders. Be compassionate and supportive to us in times of stress and indecision.

Board: By the grace of God, and with your prayerful support and encouragement, we will do our best.

Pastor: Are you, the congregation of Grace Bible Church, willing to give yourselves, in cooperation and in fellowship, to these persons and to others in the church who have special responsibilities?

Congregation: We will work together, as we work with God, in this important mission in the world: the developing of Christian community.

All: Yes! And we will see the blessings of God among us as we work and worship together for God's glory. Amen.

Pastor: Throughout the story of God's people, as recorded in the Bible, oil has been used to anoint those who have been chosen to lead. It is a tangible sign of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of God's grace given to you for this important work. Our prayer in this anointing is "May the Lord in his love and mercy equip and encourage you with the grace of the Holy Spirit."