



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship September 18, 2022 9:30am
3rd Sunday in the Season of Peace

Gathering

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude: "God of Our Fathers" by Claude T. Smith
GCPC Orchestra – Pam Smith Kelly, director arr. Joseph Earp

In worship following reflective music, we are requesting a response of quiet or a contemplative "amen." Any music that elicits a response of applause is to the glory of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mitch Trigger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this day when we gather to sing and to pray,

ALL: we come before you God, seeking your peace.

One: Make us channels of your peace.

ALL: Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with us!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF COMPASSION (*Together*)

Loving God, you have commanded us to show mercy and compassion to one another. We come to you for help because we believe you always provide what we need to accomplish your will, and we also know we lack what we need. With so much at stake in this lost and hurting world, Lord, we pray that you please give us hearts that are compassionate and merciful towards others. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you and all others!

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 79:1–9 (CEB)

Nelson Townsend

The nations have come into your inheritance, God! They've defiled your holy temple. They've made Jerusalem a bunch of ruins. They've left your servants' bodies as food for the birds; they've left the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth. They've poured out the blood of the faithful like water all around Jerusalem, and there's no one left to bury them. We've become a joke to our neighbors, nothing but objects of ridicule and disapproval to those around us. How long will you rage, LORD? Forever? How long will your anger burn like fire? Pour out your wrath on the nations who don't know you, on the kingdoms that haven't called on your name. They've devoured Jacob and demolished his pasture. Don't remember the iniquities of past generations; let your compassion hurry to meet us because we've been brought so low. God of our salvation, help us for the glory of your name! Deliver us and cover our sins for the sake of your name!

ANTHEM

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

arr. Benjamin Harlan

Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

Words by Isaac Watts

Phil Holmes & Russ Thompson, trumpets

Jim Kelly, horn – David Roth, trombone – Trey Bures, tuba

Doug Mayle, percussion – Ken Eberhart, timpani

*I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise;
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.*

*I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.*

*Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye:
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.*

*There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes thy glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrow life from thee is ever in thy care,
and ev'rywhere that we can be, thou God, art present there. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1–7 (CEB)

First of all, then, I ask that requests, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving be made for all people. Pray for kings and everyone who is in authority so that we can live a quiet and peaceful life in complete godliness and dignity. This is right and it pleases God our savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. There is one God and one mediator

between God and humanity, the human Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a payment to set all people free. This was a testimony that was given at the right time. I was appointed to be a preacher and apostle of this testimony—I'm telling the truth and I'm not lying! I'm a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Give Peace a Chance" Rev. Mitch Trigger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC by Jean Sibelius
"Be Still, My Soul" (A Chorale Prelude) arr. James Swearingen
GCPC Orchestra – Pam Smith Kelly, director

Sending

*HYMN 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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GCPC Orchestra

Pam Smith Kelly, director

Chris Lindsay and Edwin Fukunaga, violin

Debbie Stewart and Bob Dover, flute

Lauren Bond, Wanda Temm, and Robin Thompson, clarinet

Pat Setser, bass clarinet

Phil Holmes and Russ Thompson, trumpet

Jim Kelly and Diane Paris, horn

David Roth, trombone

Mike Hockley, euphonium

Trey Bures, tuba

Ken Eberhart and Doug Mayle, percussion