

GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS "Work-ship Sunday" September 27, 2020 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR "STEWART-SHIP"

Maggie Blankers

MUSIC FOR CENTERING

Christopher Callender, Donna Goeckler

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, help us continue to recognize the many people whose work is a blessing, and to call those who are in leadership positions to act with justice.

We pray for construction workers who build our homes and places of work and worship. We pray for injured workers who are too often neglected.

We pray for farmworkers and poultry workers who help provide us with our food but who often work in dangerous conditions and struggle to provide food for their own families. We pray that all owners and managers recognize the dignity of workers and uphold the standards of our faith traditions by providing living wages, affordable benefits and the freedom of association.

God of compassion, bless all of us as we continue working to bring forth your vision — a vision of justice and peace, kindness and compassion, grace and mercy. AMEN.

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:37-38

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest."

RECEPTION OF THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

Introductions Constitutional Questions Confirmation Blessing and Lighting of Candles Covenant with the Confirmands (to be said by all) As you join us in ministry as members of Grace Covenant and step to our side to embrace the challenges of living faithfully in the world, we pledge our commitment to be your companions in the journey of faith.

So, too, we ask for God's blessings upon you. May God bless you with strength to seek justice in all you do. May God bless you with wisdom to know the truth that will set you free. May God bless you with love that will last a lifetime. And may God bless you with hope that will withstand every challenge. As we are blessed by your being here, so we seek to be a blessing to you in the name of God!

Gentle Shower of Kisses and Blessings

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BLESSING AND SENDING

GO FORTH TO WORK WITH JOY!