



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship July 9, 2023 9:30am
6th Sunday after Pentecost/14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Grace Flows Down”

by Bell, Giglio, & Padgett

ALL

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound; amazing love, now flowing down
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree as grace flows down and covers me.**

It covers me, it covers me, it covers me, and covers me.

WELCOME

Rev. Sue Trigger

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*video*)

Psalm 145

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord. I will extol you, my God and my King, and bless your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. All your works shall give thanks to you, oh Lord, and all of your saints shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power to make known to the children your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him. He also hears their cry and saves them. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord.

*PROCESSIONAL SONG

“Love the Lord”

by Brewster

Praise Team/All

**Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul,
With all your mind, and with all your strength (2x)**

**With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength;
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul,
With all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, and with all my strength (2x)**

**With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength;
I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, and with all my strength.**

I will love You~ **I will love You**
I will praise You~**I will praise You**
I will serve You~ **I will serve You**
I will trust You~ **I will trust You**

With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength (2)

**I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, and with all my strength. (2x)**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time, is on summer hiatus. Our Nursery welcomes young children, and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing. Worship bags are available for children who stay in worship.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(video)*

Why are we prone to wander, Lord? Our sins you have forgiven. Our lives you have redeemed. In Christ we are made new, and yet, we are guilty, Father, of hating evil too little, of clinging too weakly to the good, of indulging sin, as if it cost you nothing. And so we ask, let us grow sick and weary thoughtless word, of every false relief. Make us joyful for your grace and hungry to be near you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *(responsive)*

(Inspired by Psalm 139:11-12, Isaiah 60:1)

ONE: Hear the good news of the psalmist's proclamation:

ALL: If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night,"

ONE: Even the darkness is not dark to God, and the night is as bright as the day.

ALL: The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us HAS come to us in Jesus Christ,

ONE: who binds up the broken-hearted.

ALL: heals all our infirmities,

ONE: and relieves our burden of sin.

ALL: So arise, shine; for your light has come,

ONE: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Thanks be to God!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you and all others!

*SONG OF PEACE

"The Gathering of Spirits"

by Carrie Newcomer

Praise Team/All

**Let it go my love my truest, Let it sail on silver wings,
Life's a twinkling that's for certain, But it's such a fine thing.
There's a gathering of spirits, there's a festival of friends,
And we'll take up where we left off when we all meet again.**

I can't explain it. I couldn't if I tried.
How the only things we carry are the things we hold inside.
Like a day in the open. Like the love we won't forget.
Like the laughter that we started. And it hasn't died down yet. So,

**Let it go my love my truest, Let it sail on silver wings,
Life's a twinkling that's for certain, But it's such a fine thing.
There's a gathering of spirits, there's a festival of friends,
And we'll take up where we left off when we all meet again.**

Oh yeah, now didn't we. And don't we make it shine!
Aren't we standing in the center of something rare and fine?
Some glow like embers, like a light through colored glass.
Some give it all in one great flame, throwing kisses as they pass. So,

Let it go my love my truest, Let it sail on silver wings,

**Life's a twinkling that's for certain, But it's such a fine thing.
There's a gathering of spirits, there's a festival of friends,
And we'll take up where we left off when we all meet again.**

Just east of Eden, but there's heaven in our midst.
And we're never really all that far from those we love and miss.
Wade out in the water, There's a glory all around.
And the wisest say there's a thousand ways to kneel and kiss the ground.

**Let it go my love my truest, Let it sail on silver wings,
Life's a twinkling that's for certain, But it's such a fine thing.
There's a gathering of spirits, there's a festival of friends,
And we'll take up where we left off when we all meet again.**

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Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 6: 1–10 (CEB)

Brandon Hearn

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. They shouted to each other, saying:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of heavenly forces!
All the earth is filled with God's glory!"

The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke. I said, "Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I'm a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I've seen the king, the LORD of heavenly forces!" Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed." Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?" I said, "I'm here; send me." God said, "Go and say to this people: Listen intently, but don't understand; look carefully, but don't comprehend. Make the minds of this people dull. Make their ears deaf and their eyes blind, so they can't see with their eyes or hear with their ears, or understand with their minds, and turn, and be healed."

SONG TO REFLECT

“Just Be Held”

by Casting Crowns

Praise Team

*Hold it all together, ev'rybody needs you strong.
But life hits you out of nowhere, and barely leaves you holding on.
And when you're tired of fighting, chained by your control,
There's freedom in surrender; lay it down, and let it go.*

*So when you're on your knees, and answers seem so far away,
You're not alone. Stop holding on, and just be held.
Your world's not falling apart; it's falling into place.
I'm on the throne. Stop holding on, and just be held.*

Just be held.

*If your eyes are on the storm, you'll wonder if I love you still.
But if your eyes are on the cross, you'll know I always have and I always will.
And not a tear I wasted; in time, you'll understand.
I'm painting beauty with the ashes; your life is in My hands.*

*So when you're on your knees, and answers seem so far away,
You're not alone. Stop holding on, and just be held.
Your world's not falling apart; it's falling into place.
I'm on the throne. Stop holding on, and just be held.*

Just be held.

*Lift your hands, lift your eyes!
In the storm is where you'll find Me.
And where you are, I'll hold your heart.*

Come to Me; find your rest in the arms of a God who won't let go.

*So when you're on your knees, and answers seem so far away,
You're not alone. Stop holding on, and just be held.
Your world's not falling apart; it's falling into place.
I'm on the throne. Stop holding on, and just be held.*

Just be held.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:18–22 (CEB)

As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” he said, “and I’ll show you how to fish for people.” Right away, they left their nets and followed him. Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“God Calls a People”

Rev. Sue Trigger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG FOR GIVING

“The Commission”

by Cain

Donna Goeckler, soloist

*See my hands and look at my feet. It's okay if it's hard to believe.
I have faith that you will do greater things. It's my time to go, but before I leave...*

*Go tell the world about me. I was dead but now I live. I've gotta go now for a little while,
But goodbye is not the end.*

*Don't forget the things that I taught you. I've conquered death and I hold the keys.
Where I go you will go too someday. But there's much to do here before you leave so...*

*Go tell the world about me. I was dead but now I live. I've gotta go now for a little while,
But goodbye is not the end of the journey, the end of the road.*

My spirit is with you wherever you go.

*You have a purpose and I have a plan. I'll make you this promise:
I'll come back again. But until then...*

*Go tell the world about me. I was dead but now I live. I've gotta go now for a little while,
But goodbye is not the end.*

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SONG TO SEND

“Sing Wherever I Go”

by We The Kingdom

All

**All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul.
Mountain high, valley low, I'm gonna sing wherever I go. (2x)**

**God is for me, He's not against me. I will hold to the plans he has for me.
When I'm broken, he will fix me. I will call on the name of the Lord.**

**All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul.
Mountain high, valley low, I'm gonna sing wherever I go. (2x)**

**He's my heart son in my sorrow. He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow.
When the storms rise all around me, I will call on the name of the Lord.**

**All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul.
Mountain high, valley low, I'm gonna sing wherever I go. (2x)**

**I got joy, joy, joy deep in my soul!
I will sing, sing, sing wherever I go!**

**All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul.
Mountain high, valley low, I'm gonna sing wherever I go! (2x)**

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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