



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship November 14, 2021 9:30am

The Sixth Sunday of the Season of Thanks Giving

### Gathering

SHARING OUR SONGS

“Plenty”

by Diane Beckstead

Joy! (4s-K) – Emily Hussey, director

Abel Frye, Kamden Frye, Aidan Hussey, Charlotte Hearn,  
Evie Schmidt, Magnolia Sellers, & Grant Stromberg

*There is plenty of love to go around – God’s great love.  
There is plenty of joy to spread around – God is good.  
There are plenty of blessings all around – Thank you, God.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Sue Trigger

CALL TO WORSHIP *(video)*

*a prayer for wisdom from James 1:5-7*

Father, we have gathered as a people who need wisdom. What should we do about our spouses and our kids; about our neighbors and ourselves? How should we live in a world so demanding? In yet another season of endless entertainment and limited compassion, what should we stop? What should we keep doing? Why are we still so tempted by our sin? Father, we need faith to believe you without doubting. Please give us courage to act on what we see when we look into your word. Amen.

SONGS TO PRAISE

“Come Ye Thankful, Gather Together”

arr. Sondra Tucker

Charter Ringers

*(Incorporating “We Gather Together,” “Let All Things Now Living,”  
and “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”)*

Chris Krug and Celia Nicholas, co-directors

Linda Bruns, Kathy Bures, Edwin Fukunaga, Katie Hearn,  
Donna Heer, Cheryl Johnson, Jim Kelly, Pam Kelly, Angela Krug,  
Lynn Long, Lara Schesser, Cal Sweeten, & Jason Walker

“The Samaritan Witness”

Traditional Spiritual

Celebration! (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders)

arr. Mary Ann Cooper

Pam Kelly, director – Lara Schesser, assistant director  
Angela Krug, accompanist

Xander Circo, Cate Hussey, Morgan Krug, Conor Schesser - soloists  
Tatum Faison, Mallory Hearn, Liam Hussey, Brynnley Krug, James Schmidt,  
Ethan Stromberg, Max Soule, & Harrison Stromberg

*Who will be a witness for my Lord?*

*There was a man, so I’ve been told, who traveled down the road to Jericho.*

*He met some robbers who stole his load and left him lying on the road.*

*“Did the priest stop to help him?” No, Lord.*

*“Did the Levite help him?” No, Lord.*

*“Did anybody help him?” Just one man and he was the Good Samaritan.*

*He was a witness. He was a witness for my Lord.*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

by The Rev. Stephen Fearing

God, our Light and Salvation,  
forgive us for those moments when we have walked in darkness,  
stumbling in the wilderness of quarrels, division, and bickering.  
You have called us to follow you and to fish for people  
but too often we think that our way is the only way to do your will.  
Forgive us, Lord, for the brokenness that we bring upon ourselves.

*(silent confessions)*

God, the Stronghold of our Life,  
hear our cry as we come to you for unity.

Send your Spirit to gather us as you desire us.  
Remind us that unity does not mean uniformity.  
Teach us that the “same mind” you call us to have  
is not ours, but the mind of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. 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,

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Proverbs 2:1–11 (CEB)

Nelson Townsend

My son, accept my words and store up my commands.

Turn your ear toward wisdom,  
and stretch your mind toward understanding.

Call out for insight,  
and cry aloud for understanding.

Seek it like silver;  
search for it like hidden treasure.

Then you will understand the fear of the LORD,  
and discover the knowledge of God.

The LORD gives wisdom;  
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

He reserves ability for those with integrity.  
He is a shield for those who live a blameless life.

He protects the paths of justice  
and guards the way of those who are loyal to him.

Then you will understand righteousness and justice,  
as well as integrity, every good course.

Wisdom will enter your mind,  
and knowledge will fill you with delight.

Discretion will guard you;  
understanding will protect you.

#### EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10–25 (CEB)

Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don’t be divided into rival groups. Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose.

My brothers and sisters, Chloe's people gave me some information about you, that you're fighting with each other. What I mean is this: that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," "I belong to Apollos," "I belong to Cephas," "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you, or were you baptized in Paul's name? Thank God that I didn't baptize any of you, except Crispus and Gaius, so that nobody can say that you were baptized in my name! Oh, I baptized the house of Stephanas too. Otherwise, I don't know if I baptized anyone else. Christ didn't send me to baptize but to preach the good news. And Christ didn't send me to preach the good news with clever words so that Christ's cross won't be emptied of its meaning. The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved. It is written in scripture: *I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will reject the intelligence of the intelligent.* Where are the wise? Where are the legal experts? Where are today's debaters? Hasn't God made the wisdom of the world foolish? In God's wisdom, he determined that the world wouldn't come to know him through its wisdom. Instead, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of preaching. Jews ask for signs, and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, which is a scandal to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. But to those who are called—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God's power and God's wisdom. This is because the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

**Holy Wisdom, Holy Words  
Thanks be to God!**

**SONG TO REFLECT**

"I Know" as sung by Big Daddy Weave

Praise Team

*Verse: You don't answer all my questions \*But You hear me when I speak  
You don't keep my heart from breakin' \*But when it does You weep with me  
You're so close that I can feel You\* When I've lost the words to pray  
And though my eyes have never seen You \*I've seen enough to say*

*Chorus: I know that You are good \* I know that You are kind \*  
I know that You are so much more than what I leave behind  
I know that I am loved \* I know that I am safe  
Cause even in the fire-I know, in Christ, to die is gain  
I know that You are good!*

*Verse: I don't understand the sorrow \* But You're calm within the storm  
Sometimes this weight is overwhelming \* But I don't carry it alone  
You're still close when I can't feel You \* I don't have to be afraid  
And though my eyes have never seen You \* I've seen enough to say*

On my darkest day - From my deepest pain - Through it all - My heart will choose to sing Your praise

*Chorus:*  
I know that You are good

SERMON  
A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

“The Problem With Knowledge”

Rev. Sue Trigger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

SONG TO SEND

“I Know” *reprise*

Praise Team

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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