



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship July 3, 2022 9:30am
Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE "Rondo on *Blest Are They*" arr. Jeffrey Honoré
Chris Krug, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Sue Trigger

CALL TO WORSHIP *(video)*

ONE: We lift our voices in song to give thanks for all that's good.

ALL: We say hallelujah

ONE: to celebrate the faithfulness of God; but when the skies begin to darken and the breeze becomes a whirlwind.

ALL: Will we still sing?

ONE: When our future feels uncertain, and our days are filled with trouble,

ALL: Will we still cry hallelujah?

ONE: It's easy for the voice of fear to drown out our praise. It's easy to let the rumble of worry overtake our prayers. It's easy to let the noise of stress suffocate our worship. So, today we unleash our praise in a mighty roar. In the middle of the chaos, we choose to sing a little louder. We're not waiting until it's over, we're not waiting for the silence, the worries and fears may be real, but they are not forever. Only one is forever, our God, the redeemer of all. Let us join together in that truth. Today, with all that is inside of us,

ALL: We raise our hands.

We raise our voices.

We cry hallelujah!

ONE: God be praised!

SERVICE MUSIC

591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Refrain

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le -

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Fine

SERVICE MUSIC

Leader/All (sung over or in alternation with refrain)



1 O God, to whom shall we go? You a - lone have the
2 My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. When I call them they



words of life. Let your words be our prayer and the song we
fol - low me. I will lead them to rest by the peace - ful



sing: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
streams: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world. In the name of Christ we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you and all others!

Equipping

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *(video)* Matthew 5:13-14, 21-22, 43-47 (CEB)

“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It’s good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people’s feet. You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can’t be hidden. “You have heard that it was said to those who lived long ago, *Don’t commit murder*, and all who commit murder will be in danger of judgment. But I say to you that everyone who is angry with their brother or sister will be in danger of judgment. If they say to their brother or sister, ‘You idiot,’ they will be in danger of being condemned by the governing council. And if they say, ‘You fool,’ they will be in danger of fiery hell. “You have heard that it was said, *You must love your neighbor* and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don’t even the tax collectors

do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don't even the Gentiles do the same?

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 14:25–27 (CEB)

Kevin Johnson

“I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you. “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SUNG SCRIPTURE

“Blest Are They”

based on Matthew 5:1-12

Darryl & Rebecca Prater, *Verses*

by David Haas

Congregation joins on Refrain

Donna Heer & Chris Lindsay, *violins*

Christopher Callender, *acoustic guitar*

Re - joice! and be glad!

Bless-ed are you, ho - ly are you, Re -

joice! and be glad!

Yours is the king-dom of God!

The image shows four staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 3/4 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), D5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), D5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The second staff has notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The third staff has notes: G4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), D5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), D5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The fourth staff has notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), G4 (quarter).

SERMON

“A Safe Place to Feel”

Rev. Sue Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

by David Cherwien

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

Chris Krug, organ

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(Individual bread and juice sets are available in the Concourse as you enter the Sanctuary. If you desire a gluten-free option, please see the Communion server at the Sanctuary entrance.)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sending

*HYMN 331

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

NATIONAL HYMN

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Song of Joy”
Chris Krug, organ

by Christopher Boodle

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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