



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship July 12, 2026 9:30am
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Turn Your Eyes”

by Helen H. Lemmel
arr. G.Romanacce, N.Trout,
K.Winebarger & N.Stiff

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.**

**Turn your eyes to the hillside where justice and mercy embrace.
There the son of God gave his life for us,
And our measureless debt was erased.**

**Jesus, to you we lift our eyes. Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore you, behold you, our savior ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Karen Wright

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come, all who seek to follow Christ, the giver of every good gift.

ALL: Our lives, our gifts, our resources—all come from God's generous hand.
We are called not to cling to what we have, but to be faithful stewards
of it.

ONE: With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves to God, trusting that generosity leads to abundant life.

ALL: **Come, let us worship the God whose grace overflows, whose love never runs dry, and whose kingdom is built through joyful giving.**

*SONG TO PRAISE

“Live Like That”

by David Frey,
Ben McDonald & Ben Glover

**Sometimes I think what will people say of me
when I’m only just a memory,
when I’m home where my soul belongs?
Was I love when no one else would show up?
Was I Jesus to the least of us?
Was my worship more than just a song?**

**I wanna live like that and give it all I have.
So that ev’rything I say and do points to you.
If love is who I am, then this is where I’ll stand
Recklessly abandoned, never holding back.
I wann live like that ~ I wanna live like that.**

**Am I proof that you are who you say you are,
that grace can really change a heart?
Do I live like your love is true?
People pass, and even if they don’t know my name
is there evidence that I’ve been changed?
When they see me, do they see you?**

**I wanna live like that and give it all I have.
So that ev’rything I say and do points to you.
If love is who I am, then this is where I’ll stand
Recklessly abandoned, never holding back.
I wann live like that ~ I wanna live like that.**

**I wanna show the world the love you gave for me.
I’m longing for the world to know the glory of the king.**

**I wanna live like that and give it all I have.
So that ev’rything I say and do points to you.
If love is who I am, then this is where I’ll stand**

**Recklessly abandoned, never holding back.
I wanna live like that ~ I wanna live like that.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Emily Nelson Dixon

Jesus reminds us that following him requires us to consider the cost. The Apostle Paul reminds us that God loves a cheerful giver. Yet we often hold tightly to what we have — our time, our talents, our possessions, even our trust. Let us bring our hearts before God, who is rich in mercy and generous in grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, every good gift comes from you, yet we confess we often live in scarcity instead of trust — clinging to what we have, counting costs instead of blessings. Forgive us when we treat our resources as our own, forgetting they're entrusted to us for your purposes. Renew our hearts with gratitude. Teach us to give cheerfully, not from obligation, but as a joyful response to your grace. Shape us into disciples whose generosity bears witness to your love, and whose lives proclaim that Christ is our greatest treasure. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The God who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food continues to supply every grace we need. Through the grace of Jesus Christ we are made new and equipped and sent to share God's abundance with the world. Believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

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.)

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you and all others!

*RESPONSE

"We are an Offering"

by Dwight Liles

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.**

Lord, use our voices~ Lord, use our hands~

Lord, use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.

**All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.**

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 14:25–30 (NRSVue)

Dave Pack

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’

SONG TO REFLECT

“Good”

by Matthew West & AJ Pruis

Praise Team

I used to think grace was a ladder ev’ry sinner had to climb.
If only I could just do better I could earn it over time.
Tried to work my way to good; trouble is, I never could.
But then you showed me just exactly how grace works.

I’m good at always falling down. You’re good at never giving up.
I’m good at getting turned around. You’re good at saying I’m still loved.
And I was wrecked by mercy the day I understood
I’m not loved because I’m worthy, I’m loved because you’re good.

I think Paul wrote the book of Romans for people just like me.
For all the beat up and the broken who need to know that grace is free.
Why do I do the things I shouldn’t, and I don’t do the things I should?
That’s just the proof you’re the only part of me that’s good.

I’m good at always falling down. You’re good at never giving up.
I’m good at getting turned around. You’re good at saying I’m still loved.

And I was wrecked by mercy the day I understood
I'm not loved because I'm worthy, I'm loved because you're good.

Loved because you're God.
I'm loved because you're faithful to me even when I'm not.
Oh, God, you are so good where there's nothing good in me.
Just a grateful sinner saved by you is all I have to be.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:6–15 (NRSVue)

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Report from the Field — Abundance of God” Rev. Karen Wright

SONG OF PEACE “Pour Me Out” by Ben Smith, Brandon Lake,
Daniel Bashta & Rebekah White

**Make me a vessel of your peace.
Where there is war, let fighting cease.
All that divides us, come reconcile us.
Make me a vessel of your peace.**

**Make me a vessel of your love.
Where there is hatred, break it up.
All creeds and colors, bind us together.**

Make me a vessel of your love.

**Pour me out, pour me out, pour me out
wherever I am, wherever I go. (2x)**

**Make me a vessel of your hope.
Where dreams are dead, come wake them up.
A new horizon, I feel it rising.
Make me a vessel of your hope.**

**Pour me out, pour me out, pour me out
wherever I am, wherever I go. (2x)**

**Like a rushing river, let mercy flow
through my heart to my world. (4x)**

**Pour me out, pour me out, pour me out
wherever I am, wherever I go. (2x)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG FOR GIVING

"Heart of Worship"

by Matt Redman

**When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come;
Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless your heart.**

**I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required.
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.**

**I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about you, all about you, Jesus.
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it, when it's all about you, all about you, Jesus.**

**King of endless worth, no one could express how much you deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is yours, ev'ry single breath.**

**I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required.
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.**

**I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about you, all about you, Jesus.
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it, when it's all about you, all about you, Jesus.**

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***SONG TO SEND**

"Sing"

by David Zimmer & Nathan Stiff

**Did you draw a breath as the dawn awoke and does your heart still beat?
Is the mighty word of the living God upholding you? Then sing, O sing.**

**Has the father's love filled your longing heart with grace for ev'ry need?
Come and lay your burdens at Jesus' feet and find new strength to sing, O sing.**

**Morning and evening, ev'rything breathing must sing, O sing!
All of creation, rise up and praise the king of kings and sing!**

**Has the son of God died to take away your sin and set you free?
Has the conqueror trampled over death? Is Christ enthroned? Then sing, O sing.**

**Morning and evening, ev'rything breathing must sing, O sing!
All of creation, rise up and praise the king of kings and sing!**

**On the final day, when the Lord on high returns in majesty,
We will bow in wonder before the Lamb and evermore the saints will sing.**

Yes, evermore the saints will sing.

**Morning and evening, ev'rything breathing must sing, O sing!
All of creation, rise up and praise the king of kings and sing!**

**Stand in body or spirit*

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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