



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship February 21, 2021 10:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday In Lent

## Gathering

PRELUDE “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” G.F. Handel (1685–1759)  
Linda Dover, organ trad. Irish hymn melody

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “O Come, Let Us Sing” Music by Cindy Berry  
Chancel Singers I based on Psalm 95:1–2

*Liz Chandler, Karen Kesler, Sue Trigger, Connie Richards,  
Charlie Trigger, Gene Wilson, Mitch Trigger, & Joe Hoffman*

**O come, let us sing with joy to the Lord, O come, O come.**

**Come bow down before him, kneel and adore him and praise him with music and song.**

For he is holy, shepherd, creator and King. For he is worthy. Forever his praises I'll sing.

Sing unto God the creator, he made the sea and the land.

Sing unto God the Almighty, we are the works of his hands.

**O come, let us sing with joy to the Lord, O come, O come.**

**Come bow down before him, kneel and adore him and praise him with music and song.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP *(spoken together)*

**Only the hungry search for bread. Only the thirsty look for water.**

**This is a time for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.**

**Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.**

**Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.**

**This is a time for those who ache and yearn for something more.**

**So let us open our hearts with our hunger and thirst,**

**our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,**

**and let the God of life satisfy our souls.**

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

## 165 The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all  
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's  
 sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Appropriate for singing at any time during Lent, this stately text connects Jesus' wilderness fast with the solitary testing of other prophetic souls: Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. This sturdy 16th-century chorale melody formed the basis of Bach's *Cantata 126*.

A TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER FOR REFLECTION (*video*)

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!**

HYMN 775

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

WALK WITH ME

## I Want Jesus to Walk with Me 775

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

The two equal phrases in each line suggest that this African American spiritual shares some characteristics of work or field songs that were used to coordinate the efforts of slaves involved in tasks (road clearing, ditch digging, etc.) that needed combined rhythmic strokes.

## Equipping

### GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:9–15

(Common English Bible)

About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. And there was a voice from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness.” At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him. After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God’s good news, saying, “Now is the time! Here comes God’s kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!”

### ANTHEM

“Even Here”

Music by Mark A. Miller

Chancel Singers II

Words by Laurie Zelman

*Barbara Douglas-soloist, Kathy Williams, Pam Kelly,  
Susan Hayden, Jim Kelly, Ellin Schoenfeld, Paul Bruns, & Joe Hoffman*

At the land’s dark roots, in the farthest deep, where the daylight dims,  
where no one can reach, can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?  
I have turned away, I have set my fate, I have run too far, I repent too late,  
can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?  
O, to climb again where the eagle flies, where its nest is set in the sunlit skies!  
Can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?  
Will the hand of God, will the voice of love, find me even here?  
O forgive me, Lord, may I see your face, may I die in peace with a song of praise,  
may the hand of God, may the voice of love find me even here.

### VIDEO

“40”

### SERMON

“What If God Was One of Us?”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

## Sending

### A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LAMENT AND LONGING FOR HEALING

# 795 Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain* D Em7 G A D Bm Bm7 G A

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,

F#m7 Bm Em7 F#7 G Em A D *Fine*

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Bm F#m G F

- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is still un -
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of

Em D/F# G Bm A G A *to Refrain*

glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

As soon becomes apparent, this sung prayer is not limited to personal physical healing. It deals with the larger and intangible gifts of peace and hope to vanquish fear and sorrow, and it is cast in the plural because it is concerned with the healing of a wounded community.

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HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL  
 8.8.9 with refrain

## CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”  
 Linda Dover, organ

arr. Paul Manz

## GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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