



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship November 6, 2022 9:30am  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Thanksgiving  
All Saints Sunday

### Gathering

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace" NEW BRITAIN  
Linda Dover, organist arr. Wilbur Held

WELCOME Rev. Sue Trigger

SHARING OUR SONG "Give Me a Thankful Heart" by Michelle Christensen  
Joy! Singers (4s-1st graders) arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

Emily Hussey, director – Hilary Schmidt, assistant director

*Singers:* Rowan Cabe, Abel Frye, Henry Frye, Kamden Frye, Charlotte Hearn,  
Aidan Hussey, Evie Schmidt, Magnolia Sellers, and Grant Stromberg

*Lord, give me a thankful heart, for my family, for my friends  
and for my home, for good food to eat.*

*Thankful, thankful, give me a thankful heart.*

*Lord, give me a thankful heart, all throughout the day,  
when I wake and when I sleep, when I work and play.*

*Thankful, thankful, give me a thankful heart.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Psalm 149

One: Praise the LORD!

**ALL: Sing to the LORD a new song.**

One: Praise God among the communion of saints.

**ALL: Let the people of God rejoice in their creator.**

One: Let them praise the LORD with dance, and celebrate with musical instruments,

**ALL: because the LORD delights in them, and adorns the despairing with welfare.**

One: Let all the saints jump for joy; let them cry out with gladness where they rest.

**ALL: Let high praises of God be in their throats: word and song that overcome injustice, binding rulers in chains and the powerful in iron shackles; bringing justice to them, and honor to all God's faithful.**

One: Praise the LORD!

\*HYMN 643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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THANKSGIVING

# 643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,  
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*(Children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. 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.)*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God, you loved this world so much that you sent your own son, Jesus Christ to live and die among us, in order that we might have life. Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves, for jealously hoarding your generous gifts, for choosing self-interest over compassion and justice. Teach us what it means to live as children of the light, generously sharing your abundance with our siblings in need. 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!**

\*HYMN 36, *stanza 3*

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

AR HYD Y NOS

**For the har-vests of the Spir-it, thanks be to God.**

**For the good we all in-her-it, thanks be to God.**

**For the won-ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 3:7–12, 4:10–13

Kevin Johnson

Then the LORD said, “I’ve clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I’ve heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain. I’ve come down to rescue them from the Egyptians in order to take them out of that land and bring them to a good and broad land, a land that’s full of milk and honey, a place where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites all live. Now the Israelites’ cries of injustice have reached me. I’ve seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. So get going. I’m sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I to go to Pharaoh and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” God said, “I’ll be with you. And this will show you that I’m the one who sent you. After you bring the people out of Egypt, you will come back here and worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to the LORD, “My Lord, I’ve never been able to speak well, not yesterday, not the day before, and certainly not now since you’ve been talking to your servant. I have a slow mouth and a thick tongue.” Then the LORD said to him, “Who gives people the ability to speak? Who’s responsible for making them unable to speak or hard of hearing, sighted or blind? Isn’t it I, the LORD? Now

go! I'll help you speak, and I'll teach you what you should say." But Moses said, "Please, my Lord, just send someone else."

## ANTHEM

+“Ain’t No Grave Can Hold My Body Down” Traditional Spiritual  
Chancel & Exaltation! Singers arr. Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory,  
Jasmine Vasey Velasco, sign language interpreter adapted

***Ain’t no grave can hold my body down.***

***They ain’t no grave can keep a sinnuh underground.***

***Oh, I will listen for the trumpet sound.***

***No, they ain’t no grave can hold my body down.***

*You know they rolled a stone on Jesus. And then they tried to bury me.*

*But then the Holy Ghost it freed us so we could live eternally.*

*Sistuh you better get cho ticket if you wanna ride.*

*Catch a ride in the mornin’ when Jesus call my numbah, I’ll be on the other side. (Refrain)*

*Ain’t no grave is gonna hold me. Ain’t no man is gonna bury me.*

*Ain’t no serpent gonna trick me. No, they ain’t no grave can hold my body down.*

*I will fly to Jesus in the mornin’ when I die. I know he will take me home to live with him on high.*

*I will fly with Jesus in the mornin’. Don’t look here. I’ll be way up in the sky.*

*Soon one day he’s gonna call me up to heaven for a chariot ride.*

***Ain’t no grave can hold my body down.***

***They ain’t no grave can keep a sinnuh underground.***

***Oh, I will listen for the trumpet sound.***

***No, they ain’t no grave can hold my body down.***

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:16–17

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won’t perish but will have eternal life. God didn’t send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Holy wisdom, holy words,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“With Confidence and Energy”

Rev. Sue Trigger

## A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & RECOGNITION OF THE SAINTS

## 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 be 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 326

"For All the Saints"

KINGSFOLD

*Sing all stanzas ... Stanza 3 on next page*

## For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet  
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong,  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

THE CHURCH

Harmony, stanza 3



3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet



all are one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! *to stanza 4*

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“For All the Saints”  
Linda Dover, organist

SINE NOMINE  
arr. Wilbur Held

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

***+Today’s anthem, “Ain’t No Grave Can Hold My Body Down”  
arr. Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory, was donated in memory of  
Kathy Hovis (Rebecca Prater’s sister) by Bob & Linda Dover  
and Jim & Pam Kelly. Kathy was an avid singer and  
sign language interpreter.***

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