



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship April 24, 2022, 9:30 am
Bright Sunday

Please take a moment to write or draw a gift you want to offer to God today on the cards in the concourse where you entered. We will offer them to God during the service.

Gathering

MUSIC FOR YOUR SOUL

“Yardbird Shuffle”

by James A. Noble

Transcribed by Woody Herman

“Little Rock Getaway”

by Joe Sullivan

“I Got Rhythm”

by George & Ira Gershwin

Bob Dover, clarinet – Linda Dover, piano

Daniel Cole, drum set

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and FOOLISHNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 150

ONE: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise God in his sanctuary!

Choir: Praise God in his fortress, the sky!

Men: Praise God in his mighty acts!

Women: Praise God as suits his incredible greatness!

Choir reader 1: Praise God with the blast of the ram’s horn!

Choir reader 2: Praise God with lute and lyre!

Choir reader 3: Praise God with drum and dance!

Choir reader 4: Praise God with strings and pipe!

Choir reader 5: Praise God with loud cymbals!
 Choir reader 6: Praise God with clashing cymbals!
 ONE: Let every living thing praise the Lord!
 ALL: Praise the LORD!

☺ HYMN 157

"I Danced in the Morning"

LORD OF THE DANCE

Everyone Sings All of Hymn Except - Stanza 4 is sung by Bob Dover

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

157 I Danced in the Morning

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) (A)
 Gm C

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) (A7) (G) (D)
 Gm C7 Bb F

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

(F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)
 Am Dm Am Dm F Dm

Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
 Gm C F Dm F C7 F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Gm C7 F B^b F

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

TEXT: Sydney Carter, 1963
 MUSIC: American Shaker melody; adapt. Sydney Carter, 1963
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LORD OF THE DANCE
 Irregular

A COMIC BIT

Kirk Heer & David Sutherland

THE STONE IS ROLLED AWAY (*a time with the children*)

A DRUM INTERLUDE

Daniel Cole, drum set

LOOKING IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES

Buddy and Kennard

Music: "Blues for Beagles" by Jim Martinez

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*video*)

ALL: Father/Mother,

ONE: recognizing together all the wasted hours we've spent chasing worthless wisdom. What will make us rich? What will earn respect? Why sacrifice any pleasure in these cruel and lonely times?

ALL: Father/Mother,

ONE: there you are again receiving our confession. Pouring out your grace, pointing to a better way. So foolish to the world. The only path to peace. The only hope of joy. Help our hearts to trust you alone to provide everything we need. Amen.

☺ ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace and joy of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you and all others!**

☺ HYMN 588

“Alleluia”

JOYFUL ALLELUIA

(Prepare yourself for loud popping noises as cannisters of confetti are discharged.)

Alleluia

588

Leader All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Leader All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Leader All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Leader All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Howard Hughes, SM, 1973
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JOYFUL ALLELUIA

A COMIC BIT

Kirk & David

Equipping

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 2:22–32

(CEB)

“Fellow Israelites, listen to these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man whose credentials God proved to you through miracles, wonders, and signs, which God performed through him among you. You yourselves know this. In accordance with God’s established plan and foreknowledge, he was betrayed. You, with the help of wicked

men, had Jesus killed by nailing him to a cross. God raised him up! God freed him from death's dreadful grip, since it was impossible for death to hang on to him. David says about him, *I foresaw that the Lord was always with me; because he is at my right hand I won't be shaken. Therefore, my heart was glad and my tongue rejoiced. Moreover, my body will live in hope, because you won't abandon me to the grave, nor permit your holy one to experience decay. You have shown me the paths of life; your presence will fill me with happiness.* "Brothers and sisters, I can speak confidently about the patriarch David. He died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this very day. Because he was a prophet, he knew that God promised him with a solemn pledge to seat one of his descendants on his throne. Having seen this beforehand, David spoke about the resurrection of Christ, that *he wasn't abandoned to the grave, nor did his body experience decay.* This Jesus God raised up. We are all witnesses to that fact.

SUNG JOY

"Shout For Joy"

by Pepper Choplin

Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

Based on Psalm 100

Andrew Alka, soloist – Donna Heer, violin

*Shout for joy all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness,
come to him with joyful song.*

SERMON

"The Book of Joy"

Rev. Mitch Trigger

Sending

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"

arr. Daniel Kallman

Miles McDonald, alto sax – Linda Dover, piano

Daniel Cole, drum set

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rosebud prepares the table (*Music: "Strathgarry" by Simon Wynberg*)

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.

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

When passing the bread say: "This is the bread of life given for you."

When passing the wine/juice say: "This is the cup of hope poured out for you."

Please hold the bread and cup until instructed to partake together.

Communion Music

"Rialto Ripples"

by George Gershwin
& Will Donaldson

Prayer After Communion

A COMIC BIT

You Know Who

☺ HYMN 539

“We Will Go Out With Joy”
(Leader/All as written – All Refrain)

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

SENDING

We Will Go Out with Joy 539

C
Leader

F/C C G7 C

1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

C
All

F/C C C/G G7 C
Fine

We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

Refrain

F#sus2 C F G C

Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

F#sus2 C Eb#sus2 Dm7 G#sus G
to Stanzas

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

Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION (*video*)

ONE: Christ is risen!

ALL: The best news ever!

ONE: Forgiveness, freedom, life, hope. What should we do with the best news ever?

ALL: Share it!

ONE: Go, preach, baptize, make disciples in his name. Serve, feed, comfort because God loves us. We can love everyone and let them know Jesus died for them and lives again.

ALL: The best news ever! Share it!

POSTLUDE (*seated*)

“This Little Light of Mine”

arr. Mark Hayes

Linda Bruns & Linda Dover, 4-hand piano

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

☺ Please stand in body or in spirit.

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Join Rosebud and friends in Heartland Hall after worship.
They will have fun gifts and Buddy will be making balloon animals.

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