



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship February 26, 2023 9:30am  
The First Sunday in Lent

### Gathering

SONG TO GATHER "Grace Falls Down" by Bell, Giglio & Padgett  
ALL

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound; amazing love, now flowing down  
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree as grace flows down and covers me.  
It covers me~ it covers me~ it covers me~ and covers me.**

WELCOME Rev. Sue Trigger

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (*video*)

ONE: As we enter this season of Lent, let us journey with Jesus through this landscape of distraction and the wilderness of our selfishness so we can see the things we've chosen over him. And so we can then choose to give those things up. He will show us where we've been and lead us to where he wants us to be. We will endeavor to live the way Jesus lived and seek all the good things that only come from him. Replacing our selfishness with generosity; replacing our distraction with discipline. May our faith grow stronger through our giving, fasting, and prayer as we walk with Jesus on his journey toward Easter. Amen.

\*SONG TO PRAISE "Less Like Me" by Zach Williams  
ALL

**Oh, I have days I lose the fight, try my best but just don't get it right.  
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk and miss the moments right before my eyes.**

**Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped, somebody with a hand that I could have held, When I just can't see past myself, Lord, help me be.**

**A little more like mercy, a little more like grace, a little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.**

**A little more like patience, a little more like peace, a little more like Jesus, a little less like me.**

**Yeah, there's no denying I have changed. I've been saved from who I used to be.**

**But even at my best, I must confess, I still need help to see the way you see.**

**Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped,**

**somebody with a hand that I could have held,**

**When I just can't see past myself, Lord, help me be.**

**A little more like mercy, a little more like grace, a little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.**

**A little more like patience, a little more like peace, a little more like Jesus, a little less like me.**

**Oh, to feed the beggar on the street, love to be your hands and feet,**

**Freely give what I receive, Lord, help me be.**

**I want to put you first above all else, love my neighbor as myself.**

**In the moments no one sees, Lord, help me be.**

**A little more like mercy, a little more like grace, a little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.**

**A little more like patience, a little more like peace, a little more like Jesus, a little less like me.**

**A little more, I'm living everything you preach. A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.**

## **A 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.)*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(video – spoken responsively)*

ONE: We hear you, Lord.

**ALL: Asking us to return to you.**

ONE: With hearts of repentance, with fasting and mourning.

**ALL: For you are gracious.**

ONE: You are merciful.

**ALL: Slow to anger.**

ONE: Abounding in love.

**ALL: Today, we declare.**

ONE: A Day of renewal.

**ALL: A Day of holy fasting.**

ONE: A day of forgiveness.

**ALL: We cry tears of repentance**

ONE: We rejoice at your mercy as we hear you declare,

**ALL: Return to me. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

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

SONG OF PEACE

“Prayer for Healing”

by Michael Helman

Charter Ringers

Chris Krug & Celia Nicholas, co-directors

*“This piece was dedicated to all those who suffered losses due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.*

*We pray for healing of body, mind, and spirit.”*

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Brandon Hearn

Psalm 133:1

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Hebrews 10:24–25

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Colossians 3:13–14

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

SONG TO REFLECT

“Thy Will”

as sung by Hillary Scott

Carrie DeVries

*I'm so confused; I know I heard you loud and clear. So I followed through; somehow I ended up here.*

*I don't want to think I may never understand that my broken heart is a part of your plan.*

*When I try to pray all I got is hurt and these four words:*

*Thy will be done.*

*I know you're good, but I don't feel good right now.*

*And I know you think of things I could never think about.*

*It's hard to count it all joy distracted by the noise, just tryin' to make sense of all your promises.*

*Sometimes I've got to stop, remember that you're God, and I am not.*

*Thy will be done.*

*~like a child on my knees, all that comes to me is:*

*Thy will be done.*

*I know you see me; I know you hear me, Lord. Your plans are for me; goodness you have in store.*

*I know you hear me; I know you see me, Lord. Your plans are for me; goodness you have in store, so:*

*Thy will be done.*

*~like a child on my knees, all that comes to me is:*

*Thy will be done.*

*I know you see me; I know you hear me, Lord.*

LENT: A PRACTICE OF PREPARATION (video)

Including Philippians 3:10

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“What God Wants Us to Give Up: Egocentricity”

Rev. Sue Trigger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINUTE FOR MISSION Caring for Kids/Arrowhead Day School

Harold Frye

## A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

### SONG FOR GIVING

#### “Simple Kingdom”

by Carnes, Bentley, Torwalk, & Duncan

Praise Team

*Your Kingdom is simple, as simple as love. You welcomed the children, you stopped for the one.  
We want to see people the way Jesus does. Your kingdom is simple, Lord, teach it to us.*

*Your Kingdom is humble, as humble as death. Its King is a Savior who gave his last breath,  
So may we die daily, our pride laid to rest.  
His kingdom is humble and the broken are blessed.*

*Hallelujah, hallowed be your name, may we live and breathe your praise.  
Hallelujah, let all creation say, “Oh, the King of heaven reigns.”*

## Sending

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### SONG TO SEND

#### “Simple Kingdom” *continued*

All

**Your kingdom is coming, your kingdom is here, alive in our waiting,  
at work in our tears.**

**So come to us quickly, forever our prayer. Your kingdom is coming,  
Lord Jesus come near.**

**Hallelujah, hallowed be your name, may we live and breathe your praise.**

**Hallelujah, let all creation say, “Oh, the King of heaven reigns.”**

**Your kingdom is backwards, it flows in reverse. What you call a treasure,  
this world calls a curse.**

**The small become great and the last become first. Your kingdom is backwards,  
Lord, teach us to serve. As it is with your kingdom, let it be with your church.**

**Hallelujah, hallowed be your name, may we live and breathe your praise.**

**Hallelujah, let all creation say, “Oh, the King of heaven reigns.”**

**Oh, the King of heaven reigns. Oh, the King of heaven reigns.**

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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