



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship January 22, 2023 9:30am
Third Sunday After Epiphany

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“What a Beautiful Name”
ALL Sing

Hillsong Music

**You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.**

**What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.**

**What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.**

**You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater; what could separate us now?**

**What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.**

**What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.**

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

WELCOME

Rev. Mitch Trigger

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We gather as those who stood on the shore,...

ALL: Christ calls us by name.

ONE: engrossed in our responsibilities, our work, our obligations.

ALL: Christ calls us by name.

ONE: We hear, "Follow me!"

ALL: Christ calls us by name.

ONE: In all times and places, we are known and gathered as disciples, because...

ALL: Christ calls us by name.

***SONG TO PRAISE**

"God So Loved"

by We the Kingdom

ALL sing

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty. Come to the well that never runs dry.

Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy. Come to the table; He will satisfy.

Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failure, bring your addictions.

Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.

Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The pow'r of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.

For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love. (2x)

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failure, bring your addictions.

Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.

Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

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 *(Together)*

Gathering God, we confess that it is easier to focus on the daily tasks in front of us, the mending and unknitting of nets, rather than answering the call to be your kin-dom. We too often cling to what we know and choose to stay on familiar shores. We ignore your voice as you continually call out, inviting us into something new. Help us overcome our fears of what may be lost or left behind. Help us to join our gifts, our resources, and the whole of who we are in service to you as a community of your followers.

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

“Goodness of God”

as sung by Jenn Johnson

ALL sing

**I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.**

**All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God.
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10–18 (CEB)

Nancy Kalesz

Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don't be divided into rival groups. Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose. My brothers and sisters, Chloe's people gave me some information about you, that you're fighting with each other. What I mean is this: that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," "I belong to Apollos," "I belong to Cephas," "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you, or were you baptized in Paul's name? Thank God that I didn't baptize any of you, except Crispus and Gaius, so that nobody can say that you were baptized in my name! Oh, I baptized the house of Stephanas too. Otherwise, I don't know if I baptized anyone else. Christ didn't send me to baptize but to preach the good news. And Christ didn't send me to preach the good news with clever words so that Christ's cross won't be emptied of its meaning. The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved.

SONG TO REFLECT

"Come Jesus Come"

as sung by Stephen McWhirter

Praise Team

*Sometimes I fall to my knees and pray, "Come, Jesus, come, let today be the day."
Sometimes I feel like I'm gonna break, but I'm holding on to a hope that won't fade.*

*Come, Jesus, come, we've been waiting so long for the day You return
to heal ev'ry hurt and right ev'ry wrong.
We need You right now; come and turn this around. Deep down I know this world isn't home,
Come, Jesus, come. Come, Jesus, come.*

*There'll be no war and there'll be no chains when Jesus comes; let today be the day.
He'll come for the weak and the strong just the same, and all will believe in the pow'r of His name.*

*Come, Jesus, come, we've been waiting so long for the day You return
to heal ev'ry hurt and right ev'ry wrong.
We need You right now; come and turn this around. Deep down I know this world isn't home,
Come, Jesus, come. Come, Jesus, come.*

*One day He'll come, and we'll stand face to face. Come and lay it all down, 'cause it might be today.
The time is right now; there's no need to wait. Your past will be washed by rivers of grace.*

*Come, Jesus, come, we've been waiting so long for the day You return
to heal ev'ry hurt and right ev'ry wrong.
We need You right now; come and turn this around. Deep down I know this world isn't home,
Come, Jesus, come. Come, Jesus, come.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:12–23 (CEB)

Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said:

*Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,
the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light,
and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death.*

From that time Jesus began to announce, “Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!”

As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” he said, “and I’ll show you how to fish for people.” Right away, they left their nets and followed him. Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Without the Fluff”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG FOR GIVING

“What a Beautiful Name”

reprise

Praise Team

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You. You silence the boast of sin and grave.

The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever God, You reign. Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my king.

What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SONG TO SEND

“Sing Wherever I Go”

by We the Kingdom

ALL sing

**All my life, all I know, God’s been good, good to my soul.
Mountain high, valley low, I’m gonna sing wherever I go. (2x)**

**God is for me, He’s not against me. I will hold to the plans He has for me.
When I’m broken, he will fix me. I will call on the name of the Lord.**

**All my life, all I know, God’s been good, good to my soul.
Mountain high, valley low, I’m gonna sing wherever I go.**

**He’s my heartsong in my sorrow. He’s my hope and my strength for tomorrow.
When the storms rise all around me. I will call on the name of the Lord.**

**All my life, all I know, God’s been good, good to my soul.
Mountain high, valley low, I’m gonna sing wherever I go. (2x)**

**I got joy, joy joy deep in my soul!
I will sing, sing, sing wherever I go!**

**All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul.
Mountain high, valley low, I'm gonna sing wherever I go. (2x)**

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

Some music is reprinted by permission of CCLI 1154643 and OneLicense A-705105.
Our Church Streaming & Podcast Licenses are CSPL 048834 through CCLI & included in OneLicense A-705105.
Any videos are shown by permission of CVLI #504397326.

RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE WITH OUR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE PAD:
Click this link: <https://bit.ly/GPCattendance>, or scan the QR Code below, and it will take you to the link.

