



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship September 11, 2022 9:30am
2nd Sunday in the Season of Peace

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Grace Flows Down”

by Bell, Giglio, & Padgett

1st time Praise Team 2nd time **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. (2xs)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mitch Trigger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us focus on God’s presence.

ALL: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst ...

One: Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

ALL: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed ...

One: Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

ALL: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war ...

One: Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

ALL: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness ...

One: Come worship a God who gives life meaning.

ALL: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace and love know no end!

*SONGS TO PRAISE

“Sound of the Saints”

by Audio Adrenaline

(Verse) Praise Team **(Chorus) ALL**

(Verse) Oh, I love to hear the song of creation, the wind and the rhythm of the rain.

Oh, the thunder, it speaks of your power, but there’s something in the sound of the saints.

(Verse) I’ve been washed in the roar of the ocean, found peace in the choes of a cave,

*And the trees of the field they clap their hands, but there's something in the sound of the saints.
From the lips of those you saved, a redemption song will rise with a sound so full it cracks the sky!*

(Chorus) WHOA, we sing hallelujah! WHOA, we sing amen!

Hear the sound of the saints as we march on to Zion,

Singing alleluia, amen!

Singing alleluia, amen!

(Verse) I will hear the chorus of the angels, forever a symphony of praise.

I long to hear the voice of my Savior,

And he hears us: the sound of the saints.

From the lips of those you saved, a redemption song will rise with a sound so full it cracks the sky!

(Chorus) WHOA, we sing hallelujah! WHOA, we sing amen!

Hear the sound of the saints as we march on to Zion,

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“Here I Am to Worship”

by Tim Hughes

ALL Sing together

(Verse) Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

(Chorus) So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

(Verse) King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor.

(Chorus) So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

(Bridge) And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross (repeat)

(Chorus) So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

SONG FOR THE CHILDREN “We are Marching in the Light of God”

Hymn 853

PRAYER OF THE DAY/OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Holy God, we turn from you and frequently lose our way.

We get ourselves so turned around by temptations that seduce and steal our hearts.

We excuse our mistakes and missteps with arguments that just don't add up.

Forgive us. Find us. Restore us as your people. 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!**

SONG OF PEACE

“Blessed Assurance”

Hymn 839

This is my story, this is my song ~ Praising my Savior all the day long!

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Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 14:1–7 (CEB)

Melanie Townsend

Fools say in their hearts, There is no God.

They are corrupt and do evil things; not one of them does anything good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on humans

to see if anyone is wise, to see if anyone seeks God,

but all of them have turned bad.

Everyone is corrupt. No one does good—not even one person!

Are they dumb, all these evildoers, devouring my people

like they are eating bread but never calling on the LORD?

Count on it: they will be in utter panic because God is with the righteous generation.

You evildoers may humiliate the plans of those who suffer, but the LORD is their refuge.

Let Israel’s salvation come out of Zion!

When the LORD changes his people’s circumstances for the better,

Jacob will rejoice; Israel will celebrate!

SONG TO REFLECT

“Greater”

by MercyMe

Praise Team

Bring your tired and bring your shame; Bring your guilt and bring your pain.

Don't you know that's not your name; you will always be much more to me.

Ev'ry day I wrestle with the voices that keep telling me I'm not right; But that's alright.

'Cause I hear a voice, and he calls me redeemed when others say I'll never be enough.

And greater is the One living inside of me than he who is living in the world.

Bring your doubts and bring your fears; Bring your hurt and bring your tears.

There'll be no condemnation here; you are holy, righteous and redeemed.

Ev'ry time I fall there'll be those who will call me a mistake; But that's okay.

'Cause I hear a voice, and he calls me redeemed when others say I'll never be enough.

And greater is the One living inside of me than he who is living in the world.

There'll be days I lose the battle. Grace says that it doesn't matter,

'cause the cross already won the war.

I am learning to run freely, understanding just how he sees me,

And it makes me love him more and more.

'Cause I hear a voice, and he calls me redeemed when others say I'll never be enough.

And greater is the One living inside of me than he who is living in the world.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:1–10 (CEB)

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn’t he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Celebrate with me because I’ve found my lost sheep.’ In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives. “Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won’t light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Celebrate with me because I’ve found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God’s angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Peace? No Peace!”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG TO GIVE

“Less Like Me”

by Zach Williams

Praise Team

*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, 'cause 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, I wanna feed the beggar on the street - Learn to be your hands and feet
Freely give what I receive - Lord, help me be*

*I want 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 of living everything I preach~A little more like Jesus, a little less like me

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

*SONG OF CELEBRATION “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” by Myrin & Redman

ALL Sing

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.**

**You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; TEN THOUSAND reasons for my heart to find.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.**

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SONG TO SEND “10,000 Reasons” **continued ...**

**And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending - - TEN THOUSAND years, and then forevermore!**

**BLESS THE Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.**

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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