



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship May 1, 2022 9:30am
3rd Sunday of Easter

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER "You Are the Rock" Praise Team
*You are the Rock on which I stand. By your grace, it is well.
My hope is sure, in Christ, my Savior. It is well with my soul. (Repeat)*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Sue Trigger

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

ONE: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones

ALL: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow

ONE: Where there was no way

ALL: God leads us in a new way

ONE: Where there was no mercy

ALL: God surprises us with fresh mercy

ONE: Where there was weeping

ALL: God invites us to step into a new dance.

*SONG TO PRAISE "It Is Well" with "You Are the Rock" by Hillsong
Praise Team

When peace like a river attends my way. When sorrow like sea billows roll.
Whatever my lot, You have taught me to say, "It is well. It is well with my soul."

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And has shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul. It is well. It is well with my soul
You are the Rock on which I stand. By your grace, it is well.
My hope is sure, in Christ, my Savior. It is well with my soul.

He LIVES: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul. It is well. It is well with my soul
You are the Rock on which I stand. By your grace, it is well.
My hope is sure, in Christ, my Savior. It is well with my soul. (Repeat)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Weston James Sellers
Son of Amy and Andrew Sellers, brother of Magnolia and Bristol

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsive*)

ONE: Lord, save us from ourselves.

ALL: We continue to do the same things over and over, expecting different results.

ONE: Lord, save us from doing too much.

ALL: We go fishing every day, not noticing you waiting with a meal on the beach.

ONE: Lord, save us from doing too little.

ALL: We say we love you, and yet so often we neglect your sheep.

ONE: Lord, save us from ourselves.

ALL: Help us to hear and respond when you say, "Follow Me."

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

All: And also with you and all others!

SONG TO REFLECT "One More Light" by Linkin Park
Derek DeVries, soloist

Should've stayed-were there signs, I ignored? **Can I help you, not to hurt, anymore?
We saw brilliance, when the world, was asleep **There are things that we can have, but can't keep
If they say **

Who cares if one more light goes out? In a sky of a million stars it flickers, flickers...
Who cares when someone's time runs out? If a moment is all we are, or quicker, quicker...
Who cares if one more light goes out?...Well I do.

The reminders pull the floor from your feet**In the kitchen, one more chair than you need
You're angry, and you should be, it's not fair**Just 'cause you can't see it, doesn't mean it isn't there
If they say**

Who cares if one more light goes out? In a sky of a million stars, it flickers, flickers...
Who cares when someone's time runs out? If a moment is all we are, or quicker, quicker...
Who cares if one more light goes out?...Well I do.

Equipping

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 30

(Common English Bible)

I exalt you, Lord, because you pulled me up;
you didn't let my enemies celebrate over me.
Lord, my God, I cried out to you for help, and you healed me.
Lord, you brought me up from the grave,
brought me back to life from among those going down to the pit.
You who are faithful to the Lord, sing praises to him; give thanks to his holy name!
His anger lasts for only a second, but his favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping may stay all night, but by morning, joy!
When I was comfortable, I said, "I will never stumble."
Because it pleased you, Lord, you made me a strong mountain.
But then you hid your presence. I was terrified.
I cried out to you, Lord. I begged my Lord for mercy:
"What is to be gained by my spilled blood, by my going down into the pit?
Does dust thank you? Does it proclaim your faithfulness?
Lord, listen and have mercy on me! Lord, be my helper!"
You changed my mourning into dancing. You took off my funeral clothes
and dressed me up in joy so that my whole being might sing praises to you and never stop. Lord,
my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

SONG TO REFLECT

"Truth Be Told"

by Matthew West

Carrie DeVries, soloist

Lie number 1 — you're supposed to have it all together
And when they ask how you're doing, just smile and tell them, "Never better"
Lie number 2 — everybody's life is perfect except yours
So keep your messes and your wounds and your secrets safe with you behind closed doors
Truth be told**The truth is rarely told, now
I say "I'm fine, yeah I'm fine oh I'm fine, hey I'm fine," but I'm notI'm broken**
And when it's out of control I say it's under control but it's notAnd you know it**
I don't know why it's so hard to admit it, when being honest is the only way to fix it
There's no failure, no fall There's no sin you don't already know**
So let the truth be told

There's a sign on the door, says, "Come as you are" but I doubt it.
 'Cause if we lived like it was true, every Sunday morning pew would be crowded
 But didn't you say the church should look more like a hospital
 A safe place for the sick, the sinner and the scarred and the prodigals**like me
 Well truth be told**The truth is rarely told
Oh am I the only one who says
"I'm fine, yeah I'm fine oh I'm fine, hey I'm fine," but I'm notI'm broken**
And when it's out of control I say it's under control but it's notand you know it**
I don't know why it's so hard to admit it, when being honest is the only way to fix it
There's no failure, no fallThere's no sin you don't already know**
So let the truth be told
Can I really stand here unashamed knowin' that your love for me won't change?
Oh God if that's really true, then let the truth be told
I say "I'm fine, yeah I'm fine oh I'm fine, hey I'm fine," but I'm notI'm broken**
And when it's out of control I say it's under control but it's notAnd you know it**
I don't know why it's so hard to admit it, when being honest is the only way to fix it
There's no failure, no fall There's no sin you don't already know**
 Yeah I know**There's no failure, no fall**There's no sin you don't already know
So let the truth be told

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON John 21: 1–19

(NIV Bible)

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Hiding Behind the Numbers"

Rev. Sue Trigger

SONG TO GIVE

"The Commission"

by Cain

Donna Goeckler, soloist

See my hands and look at my feet**It's okay if it's hard to believe
I have faith you will do greater things**It's my time to go but before I leave

Go tell the world about meI was dead but now I live**

I've gotta go now for a little whileBut goodbye is not the end**

Don't forget the things that I taught you**I've conquered death and I hold the keys
Where I go you will go too, someday**But there's much to do here before you leave

Go tell the world about meI was dead but now I live**

I've gotta go now for a little whileBut goodbye is not the end**

*of the journey, the end of the road**My spirit is with you wherever you go*

*You have a purpose and I have a plan**I'll make you this promise*

I'll come back again but until then..

Go tell the world about meI was dead but now I live**

I've gotta go now for a little whileBut goodbye is not the end**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

*SONG TO SEND

"The Commission" *reprise*

Praise Team

Go tell the world about meI was dead but now I live**

I've gotta go now for a little whileBut goodbye is not the end.**

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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