



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Service of Worship October 18, 2020 10:00am
2nd Sunday in the Season of Thanks Giving

Gathering

PRELUDE "Here I Am to Worship" Carrie DeVries, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(spoken together)*

**Ever-present God, forever seeking and always teaching:
Open our minds to the truth of your care;
Open our hearts to the gentle caress of your love;
Open our lips to share stories of faith;
Open our hands to create beauty, do justice and show kindness;
Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit;
Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.**

SINGING "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Baloché

A TIME WITH STEWART

SEASON OF THANKSGIVING HARVEST PRAYER *(video)*

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!**

Equipping

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

THE BOOK OF FIRST CHRONICLES 29:10–18

(The Message Bible)

David blessed GOD in full view of the entire congregation: Blessed are you, GOD of Israel, our father from of old and forever. To you, O GOD, belong the greatness and the might, the glory, the victory, the majesty, the splendor; Yes! Everything in heaven, everything on earth; the kingdom all yours! You've raised yourself high over all. Riches and glory come from you, you're ruler over all; You hold strength and power in the palm of your hand to build up and strengthen all. And here we are, O God, our God, giving thanks to you, praising your splendid Name.

"But me—who am I, and who are these my people, that we should presume to be giving something to you? Everything comes from you; all we're doing is giving back what we've been given from your generous hand. As far as you're concerned, we're homeless, shiftless wanderers like our ancestors, our lives mere shadows, hardly anything to us. GOD, our God, all these materials—these piles of stuff for building a house of worship for you, honoring your Holy Name — it all came from you! It was all yours in the first place! I know, dear God, that you care nothing for the surface — you want *us*, our true selves — and so I have given from the heart, honestly and happily. And now see all these people doing the same, giving freely, willingly—what a joy! O GOD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, keep this generous spirit alive forever in these people always, keep their hearts set firmly in you."

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 6:19-24

(Common English Bible)

Stop collecting treasures for your own benefit here on earth, where moth and rust eat them and where thieves break in and steal them. Instead, collect treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don't eat them and where thieves don't break in and steal them. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The eye is the lamp of the body. Therefore, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how terrible that darkness will be! No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

ANTHEM

“Ancient Words”

arr. John Purifoy

Exaltation! — Donna Heer, accompanist

*Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God’s own heart. Oh, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where-e’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.
Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, oh, let the ancient words impart.*

SERMON

“What’s Mine Is Yours”

Rev. Sue Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

A STEWART-SHIP MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SINGING

“How Great Is Our God”

Tomlin

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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