



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship June 25, 2023 9:30am
4th Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“The Truth”

by Andrew Holt Music

Praise Team

*What could take away the sting of death? Only a love I hadn't met.
What could cause this restless heart to rest? Only the promise that you kept.
For so long I was searching for truth when all along I was searching for you.
Then you opened my eyes to see you, Lord. I was blind to love before.
You opened my heart to know the truth. Now all I see is you, all I need is you.*

WELCOME

Rev. Sue Trigger

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Loving God, you call us to turn away from our own selfish interests,
to take up our cross, and to follow you.

ALL: To find our lives, may we live them in service of your mission.

ONE: As we come before you this morning, give us open hearts and open hands.

ALL: Make us eager to hear your voice and seek your guidance.

ONE: Open our minds to your ever-present spirit that is always moving within and
around us.

ALL: Open our spirits to your nudging and open our lives to your love.

*SONG TO PRAISE 482

“Baptized in Water”

Gaelic Melody

ALL

BAPTISM

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Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

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MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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BAPTISM OF PARKER WILLIAM WETZIG

Son of Joshua and Jessica Wetzig

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we have sinned in your sight. Despite our best efforts and intentions, we have failed to consistently live in ways that bring honor to your name. Forgive us. Through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, set us free from the grip of sin — from attitudes and actions that do not lead to life.

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

"Morning Has Broken"

as recorded by Cat Stevens

ALL

**Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them springing fresh from the world.**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day.**

Equipping

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 86:1–10 (CEB)

Barbara Douglas

Lord, listen closely to me and answer me, because I am poor and in need. Guard my life because I am faithful. Save your servant who trusts in you—you! My God! Have mercy on me, Lord, because I cry out to you all day long. Make your servant's life happy again because, my Lord, I offer my life to you, because, my Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of faithful love for all those who cry out to you. Listen closely to my prayer, Lord; pay close attention to the sound of my requests for mercy. Whenever I am in trouble, I cry out to you, because you will answer me. My Lord! There is no one like you among the gods! There is nothing that can compare to your works! All the nations that you've made will come and bow down before you, Lord; they will glorify your name, because you are awesome and a wonder-worker. You are God. Just you.

SONG TO REFLECT

"Make Me a River"

by Mark Hall & Matthew West

Praise Team

*In the morning when I rise, Jesus, be my eyes.
Before the day rushes in, with You is where I begin.
As You sing over me with Your love, I will sing praise for all You have done.
Fill my heart as I hunger for You. Flood my mind with Your wisdom, Your mercy, Your truth.
Father make me a river, Come living water, flow through me.
You are the one that I thirst for,*

*So come, living water, flow through me.
Guide ev'ry step I take; Lord, let me not wander away.
Father fill ev'ry word I speak with the same grace that You've given me.
Touch the world with my hands' they are Yours. Let my love show the lost that You are the Lord.
Make me a river. Let the river flow!*

EPISTLE READING

Romans 6:1b–11 (CEB)

So what are we going to say? Should we continue sinning so grace will multiply? Absolutely not! All of us died to sin. How can we still live in it? Or don't you know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life. If we were united together in a death like his, we will also be united together in a resurrection like his. This is what we know: the person that we used to be was crucified with him in order to get rid of the corpse that had been controlled by sin. That way we wouldn't be slaves to sin anymore, because a person who has died has been freed from sin's power. But if we died with Christ, we have faith that we will also live with him. We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and he will never die again. Death no longer has power over him. He died to sin once and for all with his death, but he lives for God with his life. In the same way, you also should consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Walking in New Life"

Rev. Sue Trigger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG FOR GIVING

"Pour Me Out"

as recorded by Brandon Lake

ALL

Make me a vessel of Your peace. Where there is war, let fighting cease.

All that divides us, come reconcile us. Make me a vessel of Your peace.

Make me a vessel of Your love. Where there is hatred, break it up.

All creeds and colors, bind us together. Make me a vessel of Your love.

Pour me out, pour me out, pour me out wherever I am, wherever I go. (2x)

Make me a vessel of Your hope. Where dreams are dead, come wake them up.

A new horizon, I feel it rising. Make me a vessel of Your hope.

Pour me out, pour me out, pour me out wherever I am, wherever I go. (2x)

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

SONG TO SEND

"Pour Me Out"

as recorded by Brandon Lake

Praise Team/**ALL**

Like a rushing river, let mercy flow through my heart to my world. (2x)

Make me a vessel of your peace...

Make me a vessel of your love...

Make me a vessel of your hope...

Make me a vessel of your joy

Pour me out, pour me out, pour me out wherever I am, wherever I go. (2x)

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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