



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship May 24, 2026 9:30am
Pentecost Sunday

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Goodness of God”

by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash,
Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding,
and Brian Johnson

Praise Team

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Karen Wright

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

ALL: **Blow through our worship and awaken your people. Like wind over the waters, breathe new life into us.**

ONE: We gather from many places, yet we are one in Christ.

ALL: **We come with different gifts, yet the same Spirit moves among us.**

ONE: Fire of God, kindle our hearts with love and courage. Open our lips to proclaim your mighty deeds.

ALL: **Come, Holy Spirit, come. Let us worship God.**

***SONG TO PRAISE**

“Living in the Overflow” by Charity Gayle, Joshua Sherman,
Desiree Sherman, Steven Musso,
Lara Landon, and The Emerging Sound

Praise Team/All

**Living in the overflow. Covered by your love.
Moving in the Holy Ghost. More than enough.
Walking in your freedom now, I’m covered by your grace.
Witnessing your healing pow’r. We have been changed.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. I am living in the overflow.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. I am living in the overflow.**

**God, you are the sov’rign one. You’ve given us your name.
We declare your kingdom come. Forever you reign.
Living in the overflow. The bound are now set free.
Ev’rywhere we go, we see the victory.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. I am living in the overflow.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. I am living in the overflow.**

**Oh, Amazing God, your spirit falls. And now we walk in miracles.
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**Bless the Lord, O my soul. I am living in the overflow.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. I am living in the overflow.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Emily Nelson Dixon

On Pentecost, God poured out the Holy Spirit upon imperfect people — fearful disciples, uncertain followers, ordinary believers. Trusting in God’s mercy and the Spirit’s renewing power, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you call us to live by your Spirit, yet we often cling to fear and familiarity. You invite us into unity, but we divide ourselves. You give gifts for the good of all, but we hide our gifts or use them only for ourselves. Too often we resist the new thing you are doing among us. We choose comfort over courage, silence over witness, and self-interest over love. Forgive us, O God. Breathe your Spirit into us once more. Set our hearts on fire with your grace, that we may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: The Spirit of the Lord brings freedom and new life. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made one body. The old has passed away; the Spirit is making all things new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time, is on summer hiatus. 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.)

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you and all others!

*RESPONSE

“Kune Kucheza”

Kuna Kucheza

Traditional Church of All Nations

Music by Traditional Church of All Nations

Kucheza (dancing) Kuomba (praying) Kusifu (praising)

$\text{♩} = 120$

1. Ku-na ku che-za ku-che - za a - lle - lu-ia! Ku-na Ku che-za kwaa-ja - bu
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5 a - lle - lu - ia! Ku - che - - za, Ku - che - za
 ku - om - - ba ku - om - ba
 ku - si - fu ku - si - fu

7 a - lle - lu - ia! Ku - na ku - che - za Kwaa-ja - bu a - lle - lu - ia!
 ku - om - ba
 ku - si - fu

Kuna Kucheza (Kenya/Swahili) Traditional © Church of All Nations

Equipping

MOMENT FOR MISSION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 11:24–30(NRSVue)

Gay Lee Ludwig-Bonney

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen

men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

SONG TO REFLECT

"Unveil" Praise Team

by Jon Egan and Jason Ingram

Stars bow low, all the heavens make their boast.
You are seated on the throne, so glorious.

The earth and sea resting underneath your feet.
Sov'reign over ev'rything, so glorious.

Unveil my eyes to see you, to behold you, God.
Unveil my heart to know you, to exalt you, God.

Holy one, darkness cannot hide your love.
You are shining like the sun, so glorious.

Unveil my eyes to see you, to behold you, God.
Unveil my heart to know you, to exalt you, God.
There's none like you, there's none like you.

Oh, let your glory shine around; God, I will seek you here and now.
Your presence coming in a cloud, my desire, my desire.

Unveil my eyes to see you, to behold you, God.
Unveil my heart to know you, to exalt you, God.
There's none like you, there's none like you.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1–21(NRSVue)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them

speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Sent on the Rush of the Wind"

Rev. Karen Wright

SONG OF PEACE

"A Thousand Hallelujahs"

by Brooke Ligertwood,

Praise Team

Scott Ligertwood, and Phil Wickham

Who else would rocks cry out to worship?
Whose glory taught the stars to shine?
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing,
But this joy is mine.

With a thousand "hallelujahs" we magnify your name.
You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise.
Lord Jesus, this song is forever yours,
A thousand "hallelujahs" and a thousand more.

Who else would die for our redemption?
Whose resurrection means I'll rise?
There isn't time enough to sing of all you've done,
But I have eternity to try.

With a thousand "hallelujahs" we magnify your name.
You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise.
Lord Jesus, this song is forever yours,
A thousand "hallelujahs" and a thousand more.

Praise to the lord, to the lamb, to the king of heaven.
Praise for he rose; now he reigns. We will sing forever.
With a thousand "hallelujahs" we magnify your name.
You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise.
Lord Jesus, this song is forever yours,
A thousand "hallelujahs" and a thousand more.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG FOR GIVING

"Thrive"
Praise Team

by Matthew West and Mark Hall

Here in this worn and weary land where many a dream has died,
Like a tree planted by the water, we never will run dry.

So, living water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of you.
Fill our hearts, and flood our souls with one desire.

Just to know you, and to make you known. We lift your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive.

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SONG TO SEND

“Thrive” *(continued)*

by Matthew West and Mark Hall

All

**Into your word we're digging deep to know our father's heart.
Into the world we're reaching out to show them who you are.**

**So, living water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of you.
Fill our hearts, and flood our souls with one desire.**

**Just to know you, and to make you known. We lift your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive.**

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable, anything is possible. (3X)

**Just to know you, and to make you known. We lift your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive.**

**Stand in body or spirit*

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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