



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship January 16, 2022 9:30am
2nd Sunday After Epiphany
PCUSA Matthew 25: "Dismantling Structural Racism Sunday"

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

"The Joy of the Lord"
Praise Team

by Rend Collective

Though the tears may fall, my song will rise to you
Though my heart may fail, my song will rise to you
While there's breath in my lungs I will praise you, Lord

In the dead of night, I'll lift my eyes to you
Though the waters rise, I'll lift my eyes to you
While there's hope in this heart I will praise you, Lord

**The joy of the Lord is my strength The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness, I'll dance in the shadows, I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength**

When I cannot see, you lift my eyes ~ Let faith arise to you
When I cannot feel, your hand in mine ~ Let faith arise to you
God of mercy and love I will praise you, Lord

I shine with glory, Lord of light I feel alive with you
In your presence, now I come alive I am alive with you
There is strength when I say I will praise you, Lord, ooh

**The joy of the Lord is my strength The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness, I'll dance in the shadows, I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength**

When sorrow comes my way ~ you are the shield around me
Always you remain like courage in the fight
I hear you call my name ~ Jesus, I am coming
Walking on the waves ~ Reaching for your light

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The joy of the Lord is my strength!**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mitch Trigger

CALL TO WORSHIP

**We gather to worship God, who creates us and loves us;
Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;
Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;
Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,
to seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;
Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,
and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.
We gather to worship God. To God be all glory, honor, and praise!**

SONG TO PRAISE

"All Glory Be to Christ"
Praise Team

Kings Kaleidoscope
AULD LANG SYNE

Should nothing of our efforts stand ~ No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house ~ In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain ~ Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn ~ All glory be to Christ!

**All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ever sing ~ All glory be to Christ!**

His will be done ~ his kingdom come ~ On earth as is above
Who is himself our daily bread ~ Praise him the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy ~ The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet ~ All glory be to Christ!

**All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ever sing ~ All glory be to Christ!**

When on the day the great I Am ~ The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain ~ Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us ~ And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be ~ All glory be to Christ!

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TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Most holy and merciful God, we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed. We have refused to heed your call to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God.

We condemn racial injustice in our pronouncements, yet many of us cling to the privileges derived from inequity. When we ought to be ashamed of our failures, we prefer to cling to private, selfish, imprisoning desires. We participate in our own oppression.

Help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions, and to change our behavior. In accordance with the commands of Jesus Christ our savior, shake us from our sleep with your imperative to do justice; move us to action with the compassion of your grace; and give us courage to pay the price, however painful or costly, that the justice you will, may be done, on earth as in heaven. 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!

Equipping

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 62:1–5

(CEB)

For Zion's sake I won't keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I won't sit still until her righteousness shines out like a light, and her salvation blazes like a torch. Nations will see your righteousness, all kings your glory. You will be called by a new name, which the Lord's own mouth will determine. You will be a splendid garland in the Lord's hand, a royal turban in the palm of God's hand. You will no

longer be called Abandoned, and your land will no longer be called Deserted. Instead, you will be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land, Married. Because the Lord delights in you, your land will be cared for once again. As a young man marries a young woman, so your sons will marry you. With the joy of a bridegroom because of his bride, so your God will rejoice because of you.

SONG TO REFLECT

“Brother”

by Needtobreathe

Praise Team

Ramblers in the wilderness, We can't find what we need
We get a little restless from the searching, Get a little worn down in between
Like a bull chasing the matador, Is the man left to his own schemes
Everybody needs someone beside 'em, Shining like a lighthouse from the sea

Brother, let me be your shelter ~ Never leave you all alone
I can be the one you call ~ When you're low
Brother, let me be your fortress ~ When the night winds are driving on
Be the one to light the way ~ Bring you home

Face down in the desert now, There's a cage locked around my heart
I found a way to drop the keys where my failures were, Now my hands can't reach that far
I ain't made for a rivalry, I could never take the world alone
I know that in my weakness I am strong, But it's your love that brings me home

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I can be the one you call ~ When you're low
Brother, let me be your fortress ~ When the night winds are driving on
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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

(CEB)

Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. You know that when you were Gentiles you were often misled by false gods that can't even speak. So, I want to make it clear to you that no one says, "Jesus is cursed!" when speaking by God's Spirit, and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Essential Members”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

SONG TO SEND

“The Joy of the Lord” (reprise)
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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

A VISUAL POEM FOR MLK DAY

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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