



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship November 7, 2021 9:30am
4th Sunday of Thanks Giving — Pledge Sunday
All Saints Sunday

Gathering

PRELUDE

Linda Dover, organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mitch Trigger

INTROIT

“Pax” (*Peace*)

by Matthew Prins

Jubilation! Ringers – Kathy Bures, director
*Maggie Blankers, Christine Caseres, Edwin Fukunaga, Brandon Hearn,
Ashley Jeffries, Jane Knoche, Ellin Schoenfeld, Cal Sweeten,
Mitch Trigger, Sue Trigger, & Meredith Watson*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, we gather together this morning to proclaim
the ways in which God is working within our midst.

We gather together to give thanks
for the ways in which God is working within our midst.

We gather together to open our eyes
to the ways God is using us to work within our midst.

Let us give thanks to our God of blessings and affirm our commitment
to the ministry God is calling us into.

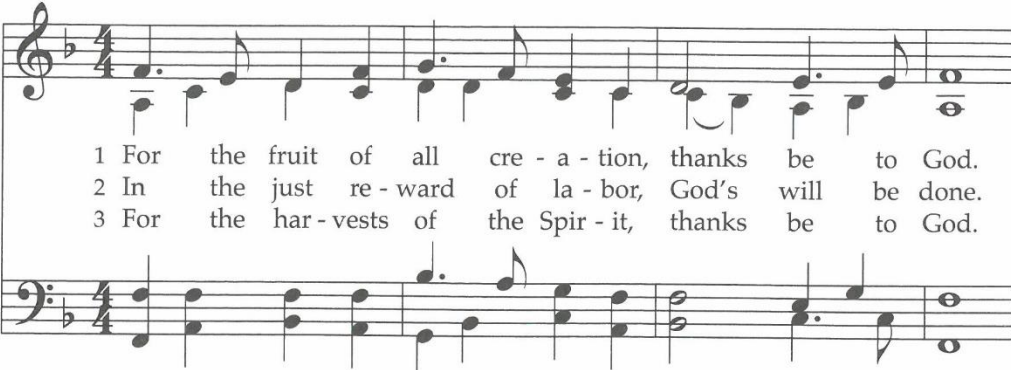
Let us give thanks to God!

HYMN 36

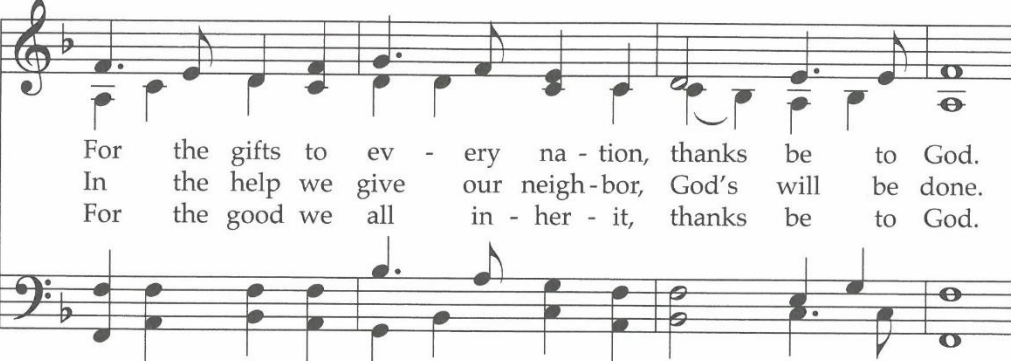
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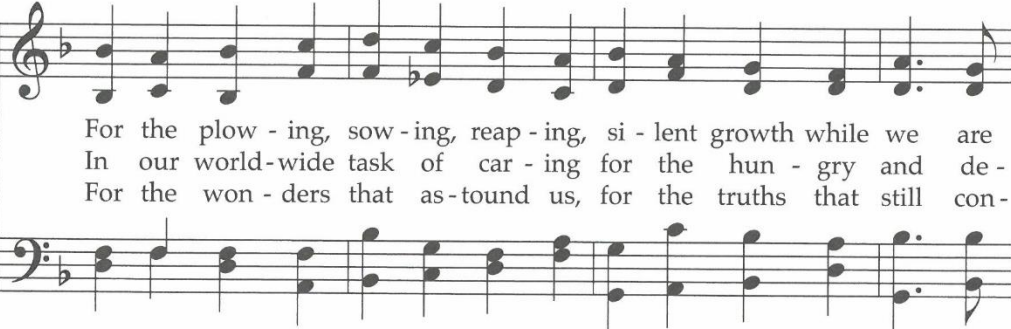
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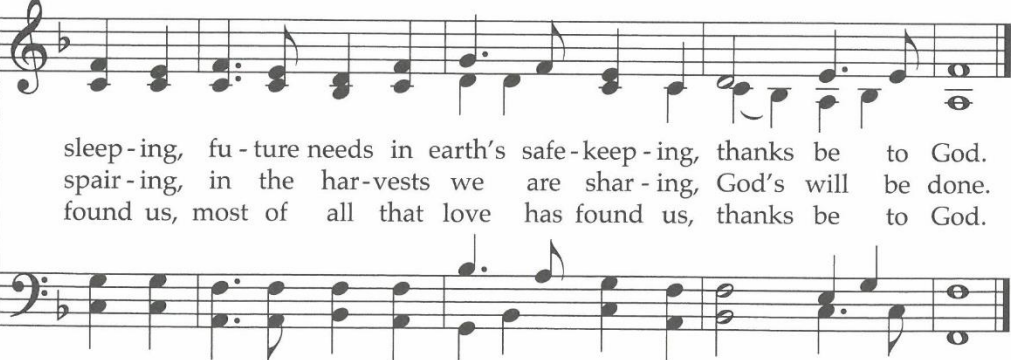
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(video)*

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you whether in cathedrals, weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses where your name was lifted and adored.

We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:

Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,

Strong hands and those gnarled with age

Holy hands

Used as wave offerings across the land.

We thank you, God, for hardworking saints; whether hard-hatted or steel-booted, head ragged or aproned, blue-collared or three-piece-suited, they left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love....

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!

“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant’s ability. Then he left on his journey.

“After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money.

“Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I’ve gained five more.’

“His master replied, ‘Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You’ve been faithful over a little. I’ll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’

“The second servant also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I’ve gained two more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You’ve been faithful over a little. I’ll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’

“Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, ‘Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven’t sown. You gather crops where you haven’t spread seed. So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what’s yours.’

“His master replied, ‘You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven’t sown and that I gather crops where I haven’t spread seed? In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don’t have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them. Now take the worthless servant and throw him out into the farthest darkness.’

“People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

ANTHEM

“Swingin With the Saints”

arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel & Exaltation! Ensembles – Rebecca Prater, director

Traditional

*Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home. I'm a-tellin' you,
swing down low, sweet, sweet, old chariot, and just tell me you're comin' for to carry me right on home.
If you get there before I do, comin' for to carry me home, tell all my friends I'm comin' right after you,
comin' for to carry me home. Oh, when the saints go marchin' in, oh, when the saints go marchin' in,
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marchin' in.
I see a chariot, I know it's comin'- I see a chariot and it's comin' for me.
The saints in glory, they'll all go marchin' all over heaven for eternity!
Oh, when the saints go marchin' in, oh, when the saints go marchin' in,
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marchin' in.
I really wanna go!*

EPISTLE (Letter) LESSON

The First Letter of Peter 4:8–11

Above all, show sincere love to each other, because love brings about the forgiveness of many sins. Open your homes to each other without complaining. And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. Whoever speaks should do so as those who speak God's word. Whoever serves should do so from the strength that God furnishes. Do this so that in everything God may be honored through Jesus Christ. To him be honor and power forever and always. Amen.

Holy wisdom, holy words,

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The ‘S’ Word”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

PLEDGING OF STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & RECOGNITION OF THE SAINTS

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Sending

HYMN 757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

KINGSFOLD

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

The image shows a musical score for two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985
MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"For All the Saints"
Linda Dover, organist

arr. Wilbur Held

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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