



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship October 30, 2022 9:30am  
The Fourth Sunday of the Season of Thanks Giving

### Gathering

PRELUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Don Hart, Fletch Wiley,  
"Give thanks to the Lord for His and David Winkler  
*unfailing love and His wonderful deeds.*"—Psalm 107:8  
Bob Dover, clarinet – Linda Dover, organist

WELCOME Rev. Mitch Trigger

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Be still

**ALL: We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.**

One: Be still and know...

**ALL: We come to discern the Word which can set us free.**

One: Be still and know that God is

**ALL: our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.**

#### \*HYMN 275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

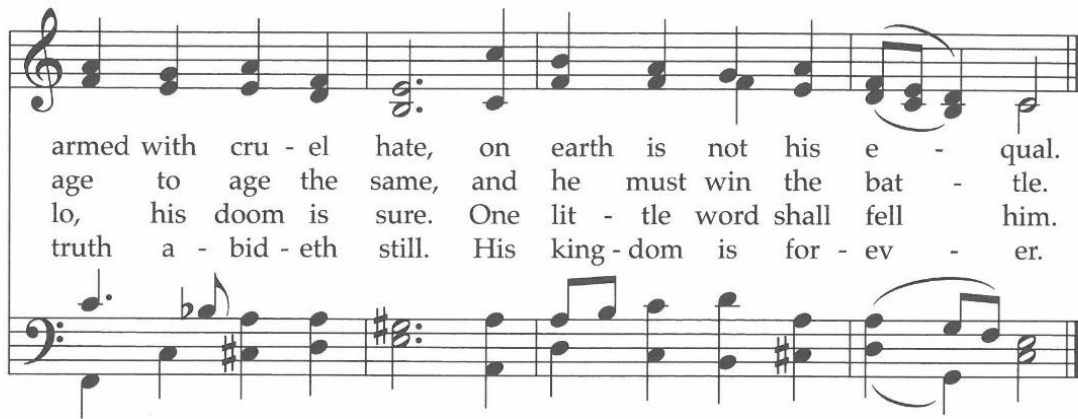
fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*(Children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. 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.)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**O God of mercy, we lament that even good actions of reform and renewal had often unintended negative consequences. We bring before you the burdens of the guilt of the past when our forbears did not follow your will that all be one in the truth of the Gospel. We confess our own ways of thinking and acting that perpetuate the divisions of the past. As communities and as individuals, we build many walls around us: mental, spiritual, physical, political walls that result in discrimination and violence. Forgive us, Lord. 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

SUNG PRAYER

“O God Beyond All Praising” from Gustav Holst, *The Planets*, 1918  
Chancel & Exaltation! Singers arr. Dan Forrest

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

*For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given the final victory.*

*Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrow be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 20:27–38 (CEB)

Katie Hearn

Some Sadducees, who deny that there's a resurrection, came to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that *if a man's brother dies leaving a widow but no children, the brother must marry the widow and raise up children for his brother*. Now there were seven brothers. The first man married a woman and then died childless. The second and then the third brother married her. Eventually all seven married her, and they all died without leaving any children. Finally, the woman died too. In the resurrection, whose wife will she be? All seven were married to her."

Jesus said to them, "People who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy to participate in that age, that is, in the age of the resurrection from the dead, won't marry nor will they be given in marriage. They can no longer die, because they are like angels and are God's children since they share in the resurrection. Even Moses demonstrated that the dead are raised—in the passage about the burning bush, when he speaks of the Lord as *the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob*. He isn't the God of the dead but of the living. To him they are all alive."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Silly Questions"

Rev. Mitch Trigger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND PLEDGES

"For Good"

by Stephen Schwartz

*"Because I knew you, I have been changed for good."*

## Sending

\*HYMN #385

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

OLD HUNDREDTH

## All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our  
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he  
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”  
Linda Dover, organist

by Gordon Young

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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