



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship July 31, 2022 9:30am
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER "Great Are You" As sung by All Sons & Daughters
Praise Team

You give life, you are love you bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore every heart that is broken
And great are you, Lord

(Refrain) It's your breath in our lungs so we pour out our praise We pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs so we pour out our praise to you only
And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are you, Lord (Refrain)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mitch Trigger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world:

ALL: We are both low and high; we are rich and poor together;

One: Listening for wisdom, longing for understanding,

ALL: We incline our ears to hear God's wisdom in our gathering.

*SONG TO PRAISE

"I Will Follow"

by Chris Tomlin

All Your ways are good, All Your ways are sure, I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my side, High above my life, I will trust in You alone.

**Where You go, I'll go-Where You stay, I'll stay -When You move, I'll move-I will follow You
Who You love, I'll love-How You serve I'll serve-If this life I lose, I will follow You-I will follow You**

Light unto the world, Light unto my life, I will live for You alone
You're the one I seek, Knowing I will find all I need in You alone, in You alone.

**Where You go, I'll go-Where You stay, I'll stay -When You move, I'll move-I will follow You
Who You love, I'll love-How You serve I'll serve-If this life I lose, I will follow You-I will follow You**

*In You there's life everlasting*In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy, unending joy*And I will follow*

**Where You go, I'll go-Where You stay, I'll stay -When You move, I'll move-I will follow You
Who You love, I'll love-How You serve I'll serve-If this life I lose, I will follow You-I will follow You**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*)

Heavenly Creator, forgive us when we focus on earthly accumulation rather than on spiritual faithfulness. Forgive us when we are overcome by greed and neglect the needs of those around us. Forgive us when we turn inward and shirk the responsibilities of community. We seek renewal and new life in you. 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

LESSON FROM THE PSALMS

Hosea 11:1–11 (*CEB*)

Sarah Evans

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
The more I called them, the further they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and they burned incense to idols.
Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms,
but they did not know that I healed them.
I led them with bands of human kindness, with cords of love.
I treated them like those who lift infants to their cheeks;
I bent down to them and fed them.
They will return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria will be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.
The sword will strike wildly in their cities; it will consume the bars of their gates
and will take everything because of their schemes.

My people are bent on turning away from me; and though they cry out to the Most High, he will not raise them up.

How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel?
How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart winces within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

I won't act on the heat of my anger; I won't return to destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and not a human being, the holy one in your midst;
I won't come in harsh judgment.

They will walk after the Lord, who roars like a lion.
When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west.
They will come trembling like a bird, and like a dove from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord..

SONG TO REFLECT

"Thy Will"

by Hillary Scott

I'm so confused, I know I heard you loud and clear.
So, I followed through, somehow I ended up here.

*I don't wanna think, I may never understand That my broken heart is a part of your plan
When I try to pray, All I've got is hurt and these four words:*

Thy will be done- Thy will be done -Thy will be done

I know you're good, but this don't feel good right now.
And I know you think of things I could never think about.
It's hard to count it all joy, distracted by the noise.
Just trying to make sense of all your promises.
Sometimes I gotta stop - Remember that you're God, And I am not so:

Thy will be done- Thy will be done -Thy will be done

Like a child on my knees all that comes to me is

Thy will be done- Thy will be done -Thy will -

*I know you see me, I know you hear me, Lord.
Your plans are for me; goodness you have in store.
I know you hear me, I know you see me, Lord.
Your plans are for me; goodness you have in store, so*

Thy will be done- Thy will be done -Thy will be done

Like a child on my knees all that comes to me is

Thy will be done- Thy will be done -Thy will be done.

I know you see me. I know you hear me, Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON (video) Luke 12:13–21 (NIV)

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to

them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"IS This Who We Are?"

Rev. Mitch Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG TO GIVE

"The Way"

by Pat Barrett

Through every battle, Through every heartbreak, Through every circumstance, I believe
that You are my fortress, Oh, You are my portion, And You are my hiding place, I believe You are

**The way, the truth, the life. I believe You are
The way, the truth, the life. I believe.**

Through every blessing, Through every promise, Through every breath I take, I believe that
You are Provider, Oh, You are Protector, You are the One I love, I believe You are

**The way, the truth, the life. I believe You are
The way, the truth, the life. I believe.**

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You And You meet me here today with mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts, they can all come too* Because they can't stay long when I believe You are*

**The way, the truth, the life. I believe You are
The way, the truth, the life. I believe.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

*SONG OF CELEBRATION

"Sing Wherever I Go "

by We the Kingdom

**All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul
Mountain high, valley low. I'm gonna sing wherever I go! (Repeat)**

God is for me, He's not against me; I will hold to the plans He has for me
When I'm broken, He will fix me; I will call on the name of the Lord

**All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul
Mountain high, valley low. I'm gonna sing wherever I go!**

He's my heart song in my sorrow; He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow.
And when the storms rise all around me; I will call on the name of the Lord.

**All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul
Mountain high, valley low. I'm gonna sing wherever I go! (Repeat)**

*I got joy, joy, joy deep in my soul.
I will sing, sing, sing wherever I go.*

**All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul
Mountain high, valley low. I'm gonna sing wherever I go! (Repeat)**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*I got joy, joy, joy deep in my soul.
I will sing, sing, sing wherever I go.*

**All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul
Mountain high, valley low. I'm gonna sing wherever I go! (Repeat)**

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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