



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship September 19, 2021 9:30am
3rd Sunday in The Season of Peace
Peace Through Visual Arts

Gathering

PRELUDE “The Beautiful Treasure” American Shaker Melody
“The Roadside Fire”
“To the Heart”
“Dunlap’s Creek” American Folk Hymn
“Blessing”
All Works by John Leavitt – Linda Dover, organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Sue Trigger

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Video)*

*Lord God, we thank you that you promise to be with us always.
Thank you that your presence is with us right now.
Today we give our hearts, our minds, and our lives.
Come speak your words of life into our beings.
We pray that you would deepen our comprehension, broaden our thinking, and
transform our understanding of what we are about to study.
For you are our wise counsellor, our perfect teacher, and our faithful friend.
Thank you, Lord. Amen.*

HYMN 5 “God the Sculptor of the Mountains” JENNINGS-HOUSTON

God the Sculptor of the Mountains 5



1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the
 2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the
 3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the
 4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the



mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er of the
 cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar in the
 plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er of the
 calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing



heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:
 dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:
 har - vest, God the source of all we eat:
 proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion;
 you are fount of all de - liv - erance;
 you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;
 you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;



we are form - less; shape us now.
 we are aim - less; lead us now.
 we are hun - gry; feed us now.
 we are search - ing; meet us now.

Despite the great sweep of these stanzas, each one ends by describing how our human condition needs God's help: formless, aimless, hungry, searching. Each of these adjectives is followed by a related three-syllable petition: shape us now, lead us now, feed us now, meet us now.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

“Christ Above Me”

Karen Kesler, soloist

by John Chisum
and George Searcy

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!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (*Video*) Exodus 35:20–35 (CEB)

Rick Randolph

The whole Israelite community left Moses. Everyone who was excited and eager to participate brought the Lord’s gift offerings to be used for building the meeting tent and all its furnishings and for the holy clothes. Both men and women came forward. Everyone who was eager to participate brought pins, earrings, rings, and necklaces, all sorts of gold objects. Everyone raised an uplifted offering of gold to the Lord. And everyone who had blue or purple or deep red yarn or fine linen or goats’ hair or rams’ skins dyed red or beaded leather brought them. Everyone who could make a gift offering of silver or copper brought it as the Lord’s gift offering. Everyone who had acacia wood that could be used in any kind of building work brought it. All the skilled women spun cloth with their hands, and brought what they had spun in blue and purple and deep red yarns and fine linen. All the women who were eager to use their skill spun the goats’ hair. The chiefs brought gemstones and gems to be set in the priest’s vest and the chest pendant, spices and oil for light and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet-smelling incense. All the Israelite men and women who were eager to contribute something for the work that the Lord had commanded Moses to do brought it as a spontaneous gift to the Lord.

Then Moses said to the Israelites: “Look, the Lord has chosen Bezalel, Uri’s son and Hur’s grandson from the tribe of Judah. The Lord has filled him with the divine spirit that will give him skill, ability, and knowledge for every kind of work. He will be able to create designs, do metalwork in gold, silver, and copper, cut stones for setting, carve wood, do every kind of creative work, and have the ability to teach others. Both he and Oholiab, Ahisamach’s son from the tribe of Dan, have been given the skill to do every kind of work done by a gem cutter or a designer or a needleworker in blue, purple, and deep red yarns and in fine linen or a weaver or anyone else doing work or creating designs.

Holy wisdom, holy words,

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Like a River in My Soul”

arr. Tim Osiek

Chancel Ensemble III

Lauren Bond, Karen Kesler, Sue Trigger, Laura Farris, Susan Hayden
David Sutherland, Linda Bruns, Paul Bruns, and Bob Dover

I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.

When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.

I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.

When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.

I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise!

I've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river in my soul.

SERMON

“Eyes for Peace”

Rev. Sue Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

HYMN 753

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be
loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are G4, A4, B4, G4, A4, B4, G4, A4, B4, G4, A4, B4. Chords above are G, Em, F#m, Bm. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The notes are G4, A4, B4, G4, A4, B4, G4, A4, B4, G4, A4, B4. Chords above are E, E7, A, E, A, A7. The lyrics are written below the notes.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION *(Video)*

Lord, thank you that we are a family in Christ.

Help us to share his love and legacy with everyone we encounter this week.

May we lavish Christ's abounding goodness upon our families, friends, and colleagues.

Holy Spirit come equip us in our workplace, guide us in our school life,
and inspire us in our neighborhood.

May we be your hands and feet to the needy, your words of affirmation to the
oppressed, your arms of comfort to the lonely.

Thank you for choosing to use us, to bring your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Recessional"

by Thomas R. Berdos

Linda Dover, organist

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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