



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship August 8, 2021 10am
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering

PRELUDE

“Jesus Loves Me”
“My Jesus, I Love Thee”
Linda Dover, organist

arr. Sandy Wilkinson
arr. Todd Billingsley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(One)*

Holy One, as we gather this morning to worship you,
May we speak truth, so that our words may give grace to those who hear.
May we pray in faith, so that our words may give grace to those who hear.
May we sing with joy, so that our words may give grace to those who hear.
May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts,
So that your words may give grace to us who hear.

HYMN OF PRAISE 679

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

SALZBURG

679 Let the Whole Creation Cry

(Psalm 148)

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high."
2 Men and wom-en, young and old, raise the an-them loud and bold;

Heaven and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might-y King."
join with chil - dren's songs of praise; wor-ship God through length of days.

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
From the north to south-ern pole let the might-y cho-rus roll:

sun and moon, up - lift your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice!
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Originally this text was more than twice as long as the present version because it followed Psalm 148 in directing additional parts of the created order to praise God. This wide-ranging text is set here to a suitably expansive and well-crafted 17th-century chorale melody.

TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF HOPE (*video*)

Christ, as a light illumine and guide us. Christ, as a shield overshadow us.
Christ under us; Christ over us; Christ be beside us on our left and our right.
This day be within and without us, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom we speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks unto us.
This day be within and without us, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light; Christ as a shield; Christ be beside us, on our left and our right.

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

ANTHEM

"Shine On Us"

arr. Bruce Greer

Exaltation! Then & Now – Donna Heer, accompanist
Jenna Lillian, Isabel Battaglioli, Lindsay Callender,
Kat Mason, Andrew Alka, & Miles Dalton

*Lord, let your light, light of your face, shine on us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life, to find our way in the darkest night.
Let your light shine on us.*

*Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand, fall on us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life, to find our way in the darkest night.
Let your grace shine on us. Fall on us.*

*Lord, let your love, love with no end, come over us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life, to find our way in the darkest night.
Let your love shine on us. Let your grace shine on us. Shine on us, O Lord.*

GOSPEL LESSON

2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33 (CEB)

Jane Knoche

The king gave orders to Joab, Abishai, and Ittai: "For my sake, protect my boy Absalom." All the troops heard what the king ordered regarding Absalom to all the commanders.

So the troops marched into the field to meet the Israelites. The battle was fought in the Ephraim forest. The army of Israel was defeated there by David's soldiers. A great slaughter of twenty thousand men took place that day. The battle spread out over the entire countryside, and the forest devoured more soldiers than the sword that day.

Absalom came upon some of David's men. Absalom was riding on a mule, and the mule went under the tangled branches of a large oak tree. Absalom's head got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair while the mule under him kept on going.

Then ten young armor-bearers of Joab surrounded Absalom, struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite arrived and said, "My master the king: Listen to this good news! The Lord has vindicated you this day against the power of all who rose up against you."

The king said to the Cushite, "Is my boy Absalom okay?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my master the king and all who rise up against you to hurt you end up like that young man."

The king trembled. He went up to the room over the gate and cried. As he went, he said, "Oh, my son Absalom! Oh, my son! My son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you! Oh, Absalom, my son! My son!"

SERMON

"And he cried..."

Rev. Mitch Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

HYMN

"We Gather Here, O God"

TERRA BEATA

*We gather here, O God, and it's a joy to see
the blessings of your gift of love in this community.
Some gather in one place to offer thanks and praise;
some join online — and we all find new hope for these new days.
O Christ, you call us here! We know your love's embrace.
We're freed from sin and welcome in all those who seek your grace.*

*We worship, learn, and serve; we join in times of fun.
We gladly share in work and prayer; together, we are one!
O spirit blowing free, O gentle, burning blaze,
The gifts you give help us to live in faithful, loving ways.
The world cries out in need, and many cry, "Enough!"
In this new time, may your church find new ways to share your love.*

Tune: Traditional English melody ("This Is My Father's World")

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”
Linda Dover, organist

arr. Rob W. Ellis

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

*Please join us outside after worship for a concert from our Dixieland Band
& enjoy a shaved ice treat from the Kona Ice truck.*

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