



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship February 12, 2023 9:30am
6th Sunday After Epiphany

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Stead & Kirkpatrick

ALL

**Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word,
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more.**

**I’m so glad I learned to trust Hi, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more.**

WELCOME

Rev. Sue Trigger

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*video*)

Psalm 33

ONE: Rejoice in the Lord!

ALL: Let the righteous give praise!

ONE: Thank God with joyful shouts, and sing new songs of worship.

ALL: For God's word is upright and his deeds are true.

ONE: Praise the Lord Almighty, who loves righteousness and justice

ALL: and fills the earth with his kindness.

ONE: By the breath of God’s mouth

ALL: He made the heavens and the earth.

ONE: Let all the world stand in awe

ALL: For he spoke, and it was done.

ONE: Our souls wait for you, Lord.

ALL: You are our help and our shield.

ONE: Let us know your loving kindness,

ALL: As we place our hope in you.

*SONG TO PRAISE “A Thousand Hallelujahs” as recorded by Brooke Ligertwood
ALL

**Who else would rocks cry out to worship? Whose glory taught the stars to shine?
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing, but this joy is mine.**

**With a thousand “hallelujahs,” we magnify Your name.
You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise.
Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours,
A thousand “hallelujahs” and a thousand more.**

**Who else would die for our redemption? Whose resurrection means I’ll rise?
There isn’t time enough to sing of all You’ve done, but I have eternity to try.**

**With a thousand “hallelujahs,” we magnify Your name.
You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise.
Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours,
A thousand “hallelujahs” and a thousand more.**

**Praise to the Lord, to the Lamb, to the King of heaven.
Praise for He rose; now He reigns, we will sing forever.**

**With a thousand “hallelujahs,” we magnify Your name.
You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise.
Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours,
A thousand “hallelujahs” and a thousand more.**

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 (*video*)

based on Psalm 39

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you and all others!

*SONG OF THANKS

"It is Well With My Soul"

Spafford & Bliss

ALL

**When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, You have taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."**

**And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a
scroll;**

The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so" it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul!

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NRSVUE)

Harold Frye

"See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

SONG TO REFLECT

"Honey in the Rock"

as recorded by Brooke Ligertwood

Praise Team

*There's honey in the rock, water in the stone, manna on the ground, no matter where I go.
I don't have to worry now that I know, ev'rything I need, You've got, there's honey in the rock.*

*Praying for a miracle, thirsty for the Living Well; only You can satisfy.
Sweetness at the mercy seat. Now I've tasted, it's not hard to see,
Only You can satisfy. There's honey in the rock.*

Freedom where the Spirit is, bounty in the wilderness; You will always satisfy.

*There's honey in the rock, water in the stone, manna on the ground, no matter where I go.
I don't have to worry now that I know, ev'rything I need, You've got.
There's honey in the rock, purpose in Your plan, power in the blood, healing in Your hands.
Started flowing when You said 'it is done.' Ev'rything You did's enough.*

*I keep looking, I keep finding. You keep giving, keep providing
I have all that I need. You are all that I need.*

*I keep praying, You keep moving, I keep praising, You keep proving
I have all that I need. You are all that I need.
I have all that I need. You are all that I need.*

*There's honey in the rock, water in the stone, manna on the ground, no matter where I go.
I don't have to worry now that I know, ev'rything I need, You've got.
There's honey in the rock, purpose in Your plan, power in the blood, healing in Your hands.
Started flowing when You said 'it is done.'
Jesus who You are is enough. There's honey in the rock.
There's honey in the rock. There's honey in the rock.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:21–37 (NRSVUE)

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder,’ and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you; you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Choose Life”

Rev. Sue Trigger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

“It Is Well”

by DiMarco inspired by Spafford & Bliss

Carrie DeVries

*Grander earth has quaked before, moved by the sound of His voice.
Seas that are shaken and stirred can be calmed and broken for my regard.*

*Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all it is well.
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all it is well with me.*

*Far be it from me to not believe, even when my eyes can't see.
And this mountain that's in front of me will be thrown into the midst of the sea.*

*Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all it is well.
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all it is well ...*

*So, let go, my soul, and trust in Him. The waves and wind still know His name.
So, let go, my soul, and trust in Him. The waves and wind still know His name.
The waves and wind still know His name.
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Sending

*SONG TO SEND

“There’s Honey in the Rock” *reprise*

ALL

**There’s honey in the rock, water in the stone, manna on the ground,
no matter where I go.**

I don’t have to worry now that I know, ev’rything I need, You’ve got.

**There’s honey in the rock, purpose in Your plan, power in the blood,
healing in Your hands.**

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Jesus who You are is enough. There’s honey in the rock.

There’s honey in the rock. There’s honey in the rock.

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GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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