



GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship July 14, 2024 9:30am
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“True In the Light”
Chorus — Praise Team

by Rend Collective

True In The Light

(based on the recording by Rend Collective)

Words and Music by
Chris Llewellyn and Gareth Gilkeson

CHORUS

♩ = 80

What's true in the light is true in the dark - ness. Though
sor - row is real, You won't let it break us. So we sing in the night and trust in Your
prom - is - es. You're true in the light and true in the dark - ness.

WELCOME

Rev. Karen Wright

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.
We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within us.

All: Kindle that small spark into a flame of love and service.

One: Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.
We celebrate the loving presence of God in our life.

All: May God's loving presence be a strong influence in our life.

One: Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.
We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.

**All: As we grow in faith, trust and love for God, may our worship,
witness and service bring honor to God's Holy Name. Amen.**

*SONG TO PRAISE

"Shine On Us"

by Michael W. Smith

All

Shine On Us

Words and Music by
Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

VERSE

♩ = 72

D G/D D F#m/A G2 A/C# D

1. Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us.
2. Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us.
3. Lord, let Your love, love with no end come o - ver us.

G/D D F#m/A G2 A/C# D D/F# G A/C#

Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us. That we may be
Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us. That we may be
Lord, let Your love, love with no end come o - ver us. That we may be

D D/F# G A/C# Dsus D D/F# G F#/A# Bm G

saved, that we may have life; To find our way in the dark - est night, let Your light
saved, that we may have life; To find our way in the dark - est night, let Your grace
saved, that we may have life; To find out way in the dark - est night, let Your love

1, 2 | 3

D/A A7 D Bm Bm/A G D/A A7 D

shine on us. us, let Your light shine on us.
fall on us.
come o - ver

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time, is on summer hiatus. 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.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Karen Wright

Our sins are not to be hidden from God. Rather, we bring them into the Light and lay them on the Table, trusting in the One who shaped us for goodness and will transform our brokenness into wholeness. Please join me as we pray, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Searching God, we are so attached to our possessions, we have trouble sharing them. We are so connected to our pleasures that we cannot feel the pain of those around us. We are so stuck on ourselves, we cannot sense our souls slipping away into the shadows.

Most merciful God: loosen us from the grip of the world, so we may feel your healing touch. Sever us from our sin, so your Spirit might bind us to you. Reshape us, redeem us, renew us, so we may take up our crosses and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. This is the Good News — we are God's new creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you and all others!

*SONG OF PEACE

“Spirit of the Living God”
All

Hymn 288

Spirit of the Living God 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 빛으시고 채우소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH

*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

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LIVING GOD

Irregular

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:5–12 (NRSVue)

Rick Randolph

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us but life in you.

SONG TO REFLECT

"All Things New"

by Big Daddy Weave

Praise Team

*I've heard you can take what's broken and make it whole again.
Well here's the pieces of my heart – what can you do with them?
'Cause I can't hold them all together anymore.
So I let them fall surrendered to the floor.*

*You make all things new~ You make all things new.
God of mercy and love, do what only you can do
And make all things new.*

*Only you can bring such beauty from the depths of all my pain.
Only you can take this shattered heart and make it beat again.
Oh you hold us all together in your hands.
I surrender all I have and all I am.*

*You make all things new~ You make all things new.
God of mercy and love, do what only you can do
And make all things new.*

*From the ashes, from the dust I will rise up.
Out of darkness, into the light I will rise up.*

*You make all things new~ You make all things new.
God of mercy and love, do what only you can do
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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1–6 (NRSVue)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Telling Our Story: Re-formed”

Rev. Karen Wright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG FOR GIVING

“Change My Heart, Oh God”

Praise Team

by Eddie Espinosa

Change My Heart Oh God

Words and Music by
Eddie Espinosa

CHORUS 1a

♩ = 80 Cmaj7 Am7 Dm7 Gsus G C

Change my heart, oh God. Make it ev - er true.

VERSE

5 Cmaj7 Am7 Dm7 Gsus G C Esus/B E

Change my heart, oh God. May I be like You. You are the

10 Am7 Dm7 G C Esus/B E Am7 Dsus D

pot - ter. I am the clay. Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.

CHORUS 1b

16 Gsus G Cmaj7 Em7 Dm7 Gsus G C

Change my heart, oh God. Make it ev - er true.

21 Cmaj7 Am7 Dm7 Gsus G C

Change my heart, oh God. May I be like You. _____

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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prom - is - es. You're true in the light and true in the dark - ness.

Now more than ever keep me tethered.
The pain I feel has come to steal the truth that's been my anchor.
Wild winds are shaking my foundations.
Give me strength to stand against these doubts as they come flooding,
to put my hope in what I know instead of what I'm feeling.

Chorus

My emotions are useful, but they're not gospel.
My troubled mind is sinking sand, but you're ever faithful.
Unshakable, unbreakable, your love will keep me stable.

Chorus

You're my true north. You're my compass.
Holy Spirit, come and lead us.
Be my rock, Lord, in my weakness.
Holy Spirit, come and lead us.

Chorus

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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