



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship February 20, 2022 9:30am
7th Sunday After Epiphany/In Ordinary Time

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“We Are the Light of the World”

by Kari Jobe

Praise Team

Every secret, every shame ~ Every fear, every pain
Live inside the dark ~ But that's not who we are
We are children of the day

*So wake up sleeper, lift your head
We were meant for more than this
Fight the shadows, conquer death
Make the most of time we have left*

We are the light of the world ~ We are the city on the hill
We are the light of the world ~ We gotta, we gotta
We gotta let the light shine
We are called to spread the news ~ Tell the world the simple truth
Jesus came to save ~ There's freedom in his name
So let it all breakthrough

We are the light of the world ~ We are the city on the hill
We are the light of the world ~ We gotta, we gotta
We gotta let the light shine
Let the light shine – Let the light shine.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mitch Trigger

CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by 1 Samuel 17:1–58, Luke 6:28–31)

Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey,
Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.
Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat,
Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.
Strength is turning a cheek, strength is loving an enemy.
We come to worship a God who redefines our vision of strength.

SONG TO PRAISE

“Joy of the Lord”

by Rend Collective

Praise Team

Though the tears may fall, my song will rise to you
Though my heart may fail, my song will rise to you
While there's breath in my lungs I will praise you, Lord

In the dead of night, I'll lift my eyes to you
Though the waters rise, I'll lift my eyes to you
While there's hope in this heart I will praise you, Lord

The joy of the Lord is my strength The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness, I'll dance In the shadows, I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength

When I cannot see, you lift my eyes ~ Let faith arise to you
When I cannot feel, your hand in mine ~ Let faith arise to you
God of mercy and love I will praise you, Lord

I shine with glory, Lord of light I feel alive with you
In your presence, now I come alive I am alive with you
There is strength when I say I will praise you, Lord, ooh

The joy of the Lord is my strength The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness, I'll dance In the shadows, I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength

When sorrow comes my way ~ You are the shield around me
Always you remain like courage in the fight
I hear you call my name ~ Jesus, I am coming
Walking on the waves ~ Reaching for your light

The joy of the Lord is my strength The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness, I'll dance In the shadows, I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength!

TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we are so conditioned to respond in kind.
We are so worried that when the reckoning comes,
we will find ourselves left with the short end of the stick.
And not without reason.
The powerful take and take and lie and lie and oppress and oppress
seemingly without consequence.

Teach us to love with skill.
Teach us to love with precision.
Teach us to love with abandon,
trusting that when we step into the ocean of your abundant love
we will receive the blessings of your abundant life. 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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45:3–11, 15 (CEB)

Joseph said to his brothers, "I'm Joseph! Is my father really still alive?" His brothers couldn't respond because they were terrified before him. Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me," and they moved closer. He said, "I'm your brother Joseph! The one you sold to Egypt. Now, don't be upset and don't be angry with yourselves that you sold me here. Actually, God sent me before you to save lives. We've already had two years of famine in the land, and there are five years left without planting or harvesting. God sent me before you to make sure you'd survive and to rescue your lives in this amazing way. You didn't send me here; it was God who made me a father to Pharaoh, master of his entire household, and ruler of the whole land of Egypt. "Hurry! Go back to your father. Tell him this is what your son Joseph says: 'God has made me master of all of Egypt. Come down to me. Don't delay. You may live in the land of Goshen, so you will be near me, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and everyone with you. I will support you there, so you, your household, and everyone with you won't starve, since the famine will still last five years.' He kissed all of his brothers and wept, embracing them. After that, his brothers were finally able to talk to him.

SONG TO REFLECT

“Live Like That”

by Sidewalk Prophets

Praise Team

Sometimes I think ~ What will people say of me
When I'm only just a memory ~ When I'm home where my soul belongs
Was I love ~ When no one else would show up
Was I Jesus to the least of those ~ Was my worship more than just a song

**I want to live like that - And give it all I have
So that everything I say and do - Points to you
If love is who I am - Then this is where I'll stand
Recklessly abandoned - Never holding back
I want to live like that.**

Am I proof ~ That you are who you say you are
That grace can really change a heart ~ Do I live like your love is true
People pass ~ And even if they don't know my name
Is there evidence that I've been changed ~ When they see me, do they see you

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I want to show the world the love you gave for me
I'm longing for the world to know the glory of the King

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GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27–38 (CEB)

“But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don't withhold your shirt either. Give to everyone who asks and don't demand your things back from those who take them. Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.

“If you love those who love you, why should you be commended? Even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, why should you be commended? Even sinners do that. If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, why should you be commended? Even sinners lend to sinners expecting to be paid back in full. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend expecting nothing in return. If you do, you will have a great reward. You will be acting the way children of the Most High act, for he is kind to ungrateful and wicked people. Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate. “Don’t judge, and you won’t be judged. Don’t condemn, and you won’t be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion—packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing—will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Quid Pro Quo”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We live in God’s earth, by God’s grace, and we are called to respond—to come together as God’s people to proclaim God’s goodness, to give thanks for his blessings, and to live out that thanks by reflecting God’s generosity. We give thanks today for the life which God has bestowed on us, for the harvest of the land which sustains that life, and for the harvest of the spirit which feeds us into eternal life. We give thanks not as separate individuals but as a community of the faithful, for the good life — the life in Christ — is a shared life, a journey together with all of God’s people.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

SONG TO SEND

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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