



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship August 28, 2022 9:30am  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Gathering

PRELUDE

“Largo”  
“Antiphon III” Opus 18, No. 3  
Linda Dover, organ

by Joseph Haydn  
by Marcus Dupré

*In worship following reflective music, we are requesting a response of quiet or a contemplative “amen.” Any music that elicits a response of applause is to the glory of God.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mitch Trigger

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let all who love the Lord shout their praise!  
All you children of faith honor the Lord!

**ALL: God neither ignores nor belittles the suffering of the needy;**

One: We acknowledge and turn to God, and not only we ourselves;

**ALL: future generations also will hear of God’s great wonders,**

One: and those not yet born will experience God’s deliverance.

**ALL: They will hear about everything our God has done.**

\* HYMN OF UNDERSTANDING 181 “Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit”

EBENEZER

# 181 Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

1 "Si - lence! Fren-zied, un - clean spir - it," cried God's  
 2 Lord, the de - mons still are thriv - ing in the  
 3 Si - lence, Lord, the un - clean spir - it, in our

heal - ing, Ho - ly One. "Cease your rant - ing! Flesh can't  
 gray cells of the mind: ty - rant voic - es, shrill and  
 mind and in our heart. Speak your word that when we

bear it. Flee as night be - fore the sun."  
 driv - ing, twist - ed thoughts that grip and bind,  
 hear it all our de - mons shall de - part.

Based on Mark 1:21–28/Luke 4:31–37, this text recalls how Jesus exorcized a demon, ponders what demons mean today, and concludes with a prayer for wholeness. It is set here to a familiar Welsh tune whose recurring three-note figures help to convey a sense of internal turmoil.

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

At Christ's voice the demon trembled, from its victim  
doubts that stir the heart to panic, fears distorting  
Clear our thought and calm our feeling; still the fractured,

madly rushed, while the crowd that was as-  
rea-son's sight, guilt that makes our lov- ing  
war- ring soul. By the pow- er of your

sem- bled stood in won- der, stunned, and hushed.  
fran- tic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.  
heal- ing make us faith- ful, true, and whole.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*(Children ages 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> 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.)*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**God our Creator, in the name of Jesus who gave bread to the hungry, we remember all people who through our human ignorance and sin are condemned to live in want. Show us, who have so much, what we can do to help those who have so little; and bless the efforts of those who work to overcome poverty and hunger, that sufficient food may be found for all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

### GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:1–9, 13–15 *(CEB)*

Nelson Townsend

Jesus began to teach beside the lake again. Such a large crowd gathered that he climbed into a boat there on the lake. He sat in the boat while the whole crowd was nearby on the shore. He said many things to them in parables. While teaching them, he said, "Listen to this! A farmer went out to scatter seed. As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path; and the birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn't deep. When the sun came up, it scorched the plants; and they dried up because they had no roots. Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny plants grew and choked the seeds, and they produced nothing. Other seed fell into good soil and bore fruit. Upon growing and increasing, the seed produced in one case a yield of thirty to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of one hundred to one." He said, "Whoever has ears to listen should pay attention!"

"Don't you understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? The farmer scatters the word. This is the meaning of the seed that fell on the path: When the word is scattered and people hear it, right away Satan comes and steals the word that was planted in them.

### SUNG SCRIPTURE

#### "Sure Foundation"

with "How Firm a Foundation"

Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.*

*When you pass through the river, I am there.*

*Floods may seem to overwhelm you, but this one thing is sure:*

*I will never forsake you; do not fear.*

*When you pass through the fire you shall not be burned.*

*When the flame would consume you, I am there*

*Fiery trials may assail you, but this one thing is sure:*

by Mark Hayes

Based on Isaiah 43:1-2

*I will never forsake you; do not fear.  
Do not fear, I have redeemed you. I have called you; you are mine.  
You can trust my sure foundation, until the end of time.  
“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid:  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”*

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

## Revelation 12:7–9

Then there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they did not prevail, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. So the great dragon was thrown down. The old snake, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world, was thrown down to the earth; and his angels were thrown down with him.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

“This is Who We Are, Part 4: Angels and Demons”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

## ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Joy Circo, Miles Dalton, Lara Schesser, Jake Schmidt, Tom Stroud

## A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

## OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

“He Leadeth Me”

Linda Dover, piano

arr. Alice Jordan

Psalm 23

**Sending**

## \*HYMN

“This Is Who We Are”

***Sing All Stanzas, Repeating Stanza 1***

# This is Who We Are

Music by Tracy Keenan and Aisha Brooks-Lytle

Arr. by Christopher G. Krug

Chords: C/E D/F# G C C/A D7sus D7

Voices

1/4. We are peop - le of prayer, to peop - le of cour - age and  
 2. God gives grace u - pon grace to re - cog - nize Je - sus in  
 3. Je sus, life's ve - ry Bread, Burst through the grave to give

Piano

4 G/B C sus2 C/E D/F# G C9 Am7

peop - le who dare, and We are peop - le un - it - ed to serve,  
 each neigh - bor's face, and God are coax - ing us in - to the new,  
 life to the dead, and Je - sus calls us to live in - to love,

7 Am7/D D C/E

be - cause we're peo - ple who care, and we're a live and  
 with Spi - rit age - less and brave and we're a - live  
 be - cause the time is at hand to be a - live

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## This is Who We Are

10 F Fmaj7 C/A D7 G/B C sus2

ri - sing, stir - ring and stirred by the life breath - ing Word,

Ped. \*

13 Ebmaj7 F6 G sus G Ebmaj7 F6 G sus 1, 2, 3.

This is Who We Are This is Who We Are

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

17 4. G

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

Linda Dover, organ

Postlude on CMW RHONDDA

## GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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