



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship October 29, 2023 9:30am  
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Change My Heart, O God”

by Eddie Espinosa

Praise Team

*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.*

*You are the potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.*

WELCOME

ENTER IN

“Colors of Joy”

by Brenda Austin

Spirit! Ringers (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders)

Rebecca Prater, director

“Shout for joy to the Lord!” Psalm 100:1 (NIRV)

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*SONG TO PRAISE

“Psalm 150”

by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

Praise Team/**All**

# Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)

(based on the recording by Matt Boswell & Matt Papa)

Words and Music by  
Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

**VERSE 1 & 2**

♩ = 77

D D2sus D D/F# G D

1. You made the star-ry hosts, You traced the moun-tain peaks, You paint the ev-'ning skies with won-ders. The  
2. You reached in-to the dust, in love Your Spir-it breathed. You formed us in Your ver-y like-ness to

D D2sus Bm7 D/F# G2 A

5 earth, it is Your throne from des-ert to the sea. All na-ture tes-ti-fies Your splen-dor. Praise the  
know Your won-drous works, to tell Your might-y deeds, to join the ev-er-last-ing cho-rus.

**CHORUS 1**

D Em7(4) D/F# G2(no3) Asus Bm7 A/C# D/F#

Lord, praise the Lord, sing His great-ness, all cre-a-tion. Praise the Lord, raise your voice, you heights and all you

**INSTRUMENTAL**

15 G2(no3) D2/F# Em7(4) Asus D Em7(4) Asus Bm

depths, from furth-est east to west, let ev-'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord. 2. You has breath praise the Lord...

**VERSE 3**

22 G Bm G Eb Eb2sus Eb

3. Let sym-phon-ies re-sound, let drums and choirs ring out, all heav-en hear the sound of

28 Eb2sus Eb Eb Eb2sus Cm7 Eb/G Ab2 Bb

wor-ship. Let ev-'ry na-tion bring its hon-ors to the King, a roar of har-mon-ies e-ter-nal. Praise the

**CHORUS 2**

28 Eb Fm7(4) Eb/G Ab2(no3) Bbsus Cm7 Bb/D Eb/G

Lord, praise the Lord, sing His great-ness, all cre-a-tion. Praise the Lord, raise your voice, you heights and all you

39 Ab2(no3) Eb/Bb Ab2/C Eb/Bb Fm7(4)

depths, from furth-est east to west, you dis-tant burn-ing stars, all crea-tures near and far, from sky to sea to shore, sing out for ev-er-

44 Eb/G Ab Bb Eb

more, let ev-'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord.

## A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Carrie DeVries

*(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.)*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Stephen Wing

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**God, oh God: I get so empty sometimes. I am missing something: the wine of life; the flavor of life; the bouquet of life. For me it is all just water. Tasteless water. I am getting something, but I am not getting IT. I have tried a few things to fill this growing emptiness, but have failed, and I am down to the dregs. So, I am driven to you to be filled with that which I have no idea what it is. I will do whatever you say. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S COMPASSION

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**ONE:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**ALL:** **And also with you and all others!**

## Equipping

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 139:13–16 (NRSV)

Andrew Frye

**LEADER:** For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**RESPONSE:** **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.**

**LEADER:** My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**RESPONSE:** **Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.**

SONG TO REFLECT

“Never Walk Alone”

as recorded by Hope Durst

Praise Team

*If I knew then what I know now, I wouldn't have doubted you.  
I wish I could tell my younger self just to have faith.  
There's so many mountains you have moved; valleys you have led me through  
And it's only by your grace I'm standing here today.  
I'm a witness to your faithfulness. In every storm, in every step  
Looking back never once did you let me go.  
And no matter what the future holds, you'll work it for my good, I know  
You are faithful, and I never walk alone.  
My life is full of miracles ~the stories that I could tell.  
All that you've healed, all that you've done, I can't forget.  
So even if my life doesn't go the way I plan or how I hope,  
Our history has shown you've never failed me yet.  
I'm a witness to your faithfulness. In every storm, in every step  
Looking back never once did you let me go.  
And no matter what the future holds, you'll work it for my good, I know  
You are faithful, and I never walk alone.  
Nothing and no one can separate me ~You go behind me and before me  
Nothing and no one can separate me ~Every moment I know you are with me.  
You've always been faithful, and looking back, oh you never let me go.  
And no matter what the future holds, you'll work it for my good, I know  
You are faithful, and I never walk alone.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 2:1–11 (NRSV)

Rev. Melissa Bowers

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Risky Business”

Rev. Melissa Bowers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS

“What the Future Holds”  
*2024 Pledge Drive*

Rick Randolph

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Melissa Bowers

\*SONG TO SEND

“God of Wonders” by Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong  
Praise Team/**All**

Lord of all creation ~Lord of water, earth, and sky  
The heavens are your Tabernacle ~Glory to the Lord on high  
God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy  
The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth ~Lord of heaven and earth  
**So early in the morning ~I will celebrate the light**  
**As I stumble in the darkness ~I will call your name by night**  
**God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy**  
**The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy**  
**Lord of heaven and earth ~Lord of heaven and earth**  
**Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth**  
**Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth**  
**Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth**

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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