



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship May 26, 2024 9:30am  
Trinity Sunday

### Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

"10,000 Reasons"

by Redman

All

**Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul. Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul, I'll worship your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul. Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul, I'll worship your holy name.**

WELCOME

Rev. Karen Wright

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

One: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**All: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;**

One: In God's temple all say, 'Glory!'

**All: May the Lord give strength to the people!  
May the Lord bless the people with peace!**

\*SONG TO PRAISE

"10,000 Reasons"

by Redman

All

**Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul. Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul, I'll worship your holy name.**

**You're rich in love and you're slow to anger  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul. Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul, I'll worship your holy name.**

**And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul. Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul, I'll worship your holy name.**

#### 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

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy, holy, holy God, the words of praise slip easily from our lips. You are almighty! You are glorious! You dwell in holy splendor! But as we are swept up in those lofty words, we can miss the point. Because we can describe you, we start to think that we can understand you. And then we think we can predict your actions, and expect your favor, and control your mercy. Holy God, forgive us for limiting our vision of you: for only acknowledging your presence some of the time, for refusing to see the complexities of your blessings, and for praying only for the people we think are worthy of our concern. Close our lips and turn our eyes to gaze on you in awe and wonder, so that we may receive your love**

**and your grace, not as facts to understand but as gifts to treasure. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.**

#### **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 PEACE**

**"Simple Kingdom"**

by Torwalt

**All**

**Your kingdom is simple, as simple as love  
You welcome the children, you stop for the one  
We want to see people the way Jesus does  
Your kingdom is simple, Lord, teach it to us.**

**Your kingdom is humble, as humble as death  
This King is a Savior who gave his last breath  
So we may die daily, our pride laid to rest  
Your kingdom is humble, and the broken are blessed.**

**Hallelujah, hallowed be your name  
May we live and breathe your praise.  
Hallelujah, let all creation sing  
Oh, the King of heaven reigns.**

**Your kingdom is coming, your kingdom is here.  
Alive in our waiting, our work, and our tears  
So come to us quickly, forever our prayer  
Your kingdom is coming, Lord Jesus, come near.**

**Hallelujah, hallowed be your name  
May we live and breathe your praise.  
Hallelujah, let all creation sing  
Oh, the King of heaven reigns.**

**Your kingdom is backwards, it flows in reverse  
What you call a treasure this world calls a curse  
The small become great and the last become first**

**Your kingdom is backwards, Lord, teach us to serve  
As it is with your kingdom, let it be with your church**

**Hallelujah, hallowed be your name  
May we live and breathe your praise.  
Hallelujah, let all creation sing  
Oh, the King of heaven reigns.**

## Equipping

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:12–17 (NRSVue)

Joy Slayton

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### SONG TO REFLECT

“Greater”

by Mercy Me

Praise Team

*Bring your tired and bring your shame. Bring your guilt and bring your pain.  
Don't you know that's not your name. You will always be much more to me.  
Every day I wrestle with the voices that keep telling me I'm not right, but that's alright.  
'Cause I hear a voice and he calls me redeemed when others say I'll never be enough.  
And greater is the one living inside of me than he who is living in the world.  
In the world ~ In the world  
And greater is the one living inside of me than he who is living in the world.*

*Bring your doubts and bring your fears. Bring your hurt and bring your tears.  
There'll be no condemnation here. You are holy, righteous and redeemed.  
Every time I fall there'll be those who will call me a mistake. Well that's okay!*

*'Cause I hear a voice and he calls me redeemed when others say I'll never be enough.  
And greater is the one living inside of me than he who is living in the world.  
In the world ~ In the world  
And greater is the one living inside of me than he who is living in the world.*

*There'll be days I lose the battle. Grace says that it doesn't matter  
'Cause the cross already won the war ~ he's Greater, he's Greater  
I am learning to run freely, understanding just how he sees me  
And it makes me love him more and more~ he's Greater, he's Greater  
And greater is the one living inside of me than he who is living in the world.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 6:1–8 (NRSVue)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

“Encountering the Holy”

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

“Better is One Day”

by Redman

ALL

**How lovely is your dwelling place, Oh Lord Almighty  
My soul longs and even faints for you  
For here my heart is satisfied, within your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings**

**Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house  
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere. (2x)**

**One thing I ask, and I would seek, to see your beauty,  
To find you in the place your glory dwells**

**Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house  
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere. (2x)**

**My heart and flesh cry out, for you the living God  
Your Spirit's water for my soul.**

**I've tasted and I've seen. Come once again to me.**

**I will draw near to you~ I will draw near to you~**

**Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house  
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere. (2x)**

**Sending**

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Holy One, Holy Three, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Karen Wright

#### **\*SONG TO SEND**

**"Sing Wherever I Go"**

by We the Kingdom

**All**

**All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul  
Mountain high, valley low, I'm gonna sing wherever I go! (2x)**

**God is for me, he's not against me. I will hold to the plans he has for me.  
When I'm broken, he will fix me. I will call on the name of the Lord.**

**All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul  
Mountain high, valley low, I'm gonna sing wherever I go! (2x)**

**He's my heart song in my sorrow. He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow.  
And when the storms rise all around me, I will call on the name of the Lord.**

**All my life, all I know  
God's been good, good to my soul**

**Mountain high, valley low**

**All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul  
Mountain high, valley low, I'm gonna sing wherever I go! (2x)**

**I got joy, joy, joy deep in my soul!  
I will sing, sing, sing wherever I go!**

**All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul  
Mountain high, valley low, I'm gonna sing wherever I go! (2x)**

**GOD'S PEACE TO YOU**

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