



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship April 16, 2023 9:30am
Bright Sunday

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER Bright and Happy Hammered Dulcimer Cal Sweeten

WELCOME

**CALL TO WORSHIP (spoken responsively)*

ONE: Joy is loose,

ALL: In the wiggles of the children,

ONE: The whispers of the youth,

ALL: The smiles of the adults.

ONE: We praise God for this glorious day,

ALL: Let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.

ONE: Joy and praise fill our hearts and songs

ALL: Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people.

**SONG TO PRAISE*

"This Little Light of Mine"

Harry Dixon Loes

Grace Mountain/ALL

(Chorus)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna to let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna to let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna to let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

(Verse)

**Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Repeat Chorus

(Verse)

**Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Repeat Chorus

(Verse)

**Let it shine 'till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine 'till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine 'till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Repeat Chorus

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken together)*

God of joy, we know that you have blessed us richly. Yet so often, we are down in the dumps. You have given us Jesus Christ, and raised him from the dead, and promised us eternal life, but we act like we don't know it! Forgive us, God! Keep

us mindful that you always have the last laugh, and that your promise is for true joy in every circumstance, and life forever.

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

“River of Life”

Grace Mountain

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON *(video)*

based on John 20:24–31

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

Thanks be to God!

SONG TO REFLECT

"Keep on the Sunny Side"

Grace Mountain

by A.P. Carter

SERMON

“Things Ballooned from There”

Rev. Sue (Rosebud) Trigger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Knock knock, who's there? Lettuce. Lettuce who? Lettuce pray.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jim and Sandy Adams, Amanda and Kevin Hearn, Mary Lou Jones,
Natalie Lutt, Joy Slayton, Josh and Jessica Wetzig

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG FOR GIVING

“Amazing Grace”

Grace Mountain/**ALL**

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

**The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home**

**When we've been here ten thousand years
Bright, shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SONG TO SEND

"Will the Circle Be Unbroken"

by Eddie Arnold

Grace Mountain/ALL (Verse)

**I was standing by the window On a cold and cloudy day
When I saw that hearse come rolling For to carry my mother away**

(Chorus)

**Will the circle be unbroken Bye and bye Lord bye and bye
There's a better home a waiting In the sky Lord in the sky**

(Verse)

**Well I said to the undertaker, Undertaker please drive slow
For this body you are carrying Lord, I hate to see her go**

Repeat Chorus

(Verse)

**I went back home, Lord it was lonely Since my mother, she had gone
All my brothers, sisters crying What a home so sad and alone**

Repeat Chorus

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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