GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Service of Worship  January 31, 2021 10:00am
4th Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

SONG FOR GATHERING   “Meet Us Here”  Marks
                      Praise Team

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (video)

SONGS OF PRAISE   “I Will Follow”  Tomlin
                  “God With Us”  Ingram & Jordan

A TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

ONE: O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith. Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose. Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future.
ALL: Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship. We stand together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with your Spirit.

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 LESSONS

Mark 1: 16–20 (NRSV)
As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

John 1:43–51 (NRSV)
The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”
ANTHEM

“Christ, We See You”  by Ken Medema
Chancel Ensemble
Christ, we see you standing, knocking like a stranger at the door.
Christ, we hear you calling to us, as you’ve called your saints before.
We invite you here among us, hearts are open now to you.
Come be with us; change, remake us; do what God alone can do.

God of all the human fam’ly, join us as we gather here.
Open now the doors of friendship closed too long by hate and fear.
‘Round these tables of abundance, bring the hungry, one and all.
Let compassion thrive among us as we hear communion’s call.

(Refrain)
Spirit, open our eyes to see visions of who we were meant to be.
Spirit, break us and shape us and fill us with the breath of life.
Fill us with the breath of life.

(SERMON)

“21st Century Discipleship”  by Rev. Sue Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN

“Jesus, Be With Us”
(Refrain — All; Verses — Soloists)
Jesus, Be with Us

A hymn for Matthew 25 churches in the PC(USA)

Swing

\[ \text{Refrain} \]
Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray. Send us your Spirit and show us your way. Jesus, be with us today.

Cm F7 Bb A7 G7
Cm F7 Fm Bb Eb7sus Eb
fine

Leader or all
1 Where there is hunger and thirst in the land,
2 Where there is hatred because of our skin,
3 Where there are valleys of bones, dry as dust,

Cm Fm G7 sus G7
Cm Fm G7 sus G7

Shatter the systems of greed.
Break down the walls of our fear.
Build up the body of Christ.

Cm Gm Bb E7
Cm Gm Bb E7

Jesus, be with us; make use of our hands.
Jesus, be with us; to save us from sin.
Jesus, be with us; and help us to trust.

F7 F7 Bb7sus Bb7

Lift up your people in need.
In your great love, draw us near.
Teach us a new way of life.

This hymn celebrates God’s work through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s Matthew 25 invitation (pcusa.org/matthew25)—eradicating systemic poverty, dismantling structural racism, and building congregational vitality. The refrain is based on Matthew 1:23, “and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, ‘God is with us,’” and Jesus’ closing words in Matthew 28:20, “I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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POSTLUDE  "We Are Marching in the Light of God"  arr. John A. Behnke
(Siyahamba)

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