



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship June 18, 2023 9:30am
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time/3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE

“My Father’s World”
Linda Dover, organist

TERRA PATRIS
arr. Bobby Huguley

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

Rev. Mitch Trigger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Let all creation sing with gladness;

ALL: Make a joyful noise to the Creator!

ONE: Come and abide with the One who formed us;

ALL: Make a joyful noise to the Creator!

ONE: Give thanks, and praise, and bless God’s name;

ALL: Make a joyful noise to God!

*HYMN 470

“There Is a Longing in Our Hearts”

LONGING

PRAYER

470 There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain

Dm All *Gm* *C* *F*

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for

B♭ *Gm7* *A* *A7*

you to re - veal your - self to us.

Dm *Gm* *C* *F*

There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we

B♭ *Gm7* *A7* *Dm* (*hold last time*) *Fine*

on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All

Dm *Gm* *C7* *F* *B♭* *Gm*

1 For jus - tice, for free - dom, for mer - cy:
 2 For wis - dom, for cour - age, for com - fort:
 3 For heal - ing, for whole-ness, for new life:
 4 Lord save us, take pit - y, Light in our

A *A7* *Dm* *Gm7* *C7* *F*

hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:
 hear our prayer. In weak - ness, in fear:
 hear our prayer. In sick - ness, in death:
 dark - ness. We call you; we wait:

B♭ *Gm7* *A* *Dm* *to Refrain*

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

The refrain that frames this sung prayer describes why we pray, and the stanzas indicate what we pray for. These requests are not for possessions but for qualities and conditions we hope for in the world around us, and they emerge from the changing circumstances of our lives.

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.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Almighty God, you have promised liberation for your people, and reconciliation for all of creation. We confess that we have grown weary of waiting. We have lowered our hopes, and scaled our expectations according to the world, rather than believing in your steadfast Word. We confess that we have grown comfortable in our waiting. We cry out for justice, if it doesn't cost us too much. We proclaim your liberation, as long as it doesn't impinge on the freedoms that we value most. We want to follow Jesus, healing the sick and doing good deeds, but we don't want to be mistreated or hated. We don't want to stir up the dust, much less shake it from our feet. Forgive us, we pray. Give us words to speak your liberating Word and endurance to persevere until your kin-dom comes. 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!

*HYMN 606

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 9:35–10:8 (CEB)

Bond Faulwell

Jesus traveled among all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, announcing the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The size of the harvest is bigger than you can

imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.”

He called his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to throw them out and to heal every disease and every sickness. Here are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee; and John his brother; Philip; and Bartholomew; Thomas; and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus; and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean; and Judas, who betrayed Jesus.

Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, “Don’t go among the Gentiles or into a Samaritan city. Go instead to the lost sheep, the people of Israel. As you go, make this announcement: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with skin diseases, and throw out demons. You received without having to pay. Therefore, give without demanding payment.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

“I’m Gonna Sing!” based on an African American spiritual

Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

by Mark A. Miller

Bob Dover & David Sutherland, soli

I’m gonna sing when the Spirit says sing! Sing for the joy our voices bring,

I’m gonna sing, sing, sing when the Spirit says sing!

*I’m gonna pray when the Spirit says pray. I’m gonna pray when the Spirit says pray,
pray that justice comes today. I’m gonna pray, pray, pray when the Spirit says pray.*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I’m gonna sing when the Spirit says sing!

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I’m gonna pray, pray, pray, when the Spirit says
sing, sing, sing when the Spirit says sing!*

I’m gonna stand when the Spirit says stand. I’m gonna stand when the Spirit says stand.

I’m gonna stand on freedom’s side, gonna draw the circle wide!

I’m gonna stand and sing! I’m gonna pray, pray, pray! I’m gonna shout, shout!

I’m gonna shout when the Spirit says shout! Shout on the day that Love wins out!

I’m gonna shout, shout, shout, when the Spirit says shout!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I’m gonna sing when the Spirit says sing!

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I’m gonna pray, pray, pray, when the Spirit says
stand and shout, when the Spirit says sing, when the Spirit says, sing!*

SERMON

“Changing Stories”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC “Make a Joyful Noise”
David Sutherland, tenor

Music by Mark Hayes
Words based on Psalm 98:4–9

Sending

*HYMN 718

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

BOURBON

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Hymn to Joy”
Linda Dover, organist

arr. Edward Broughton

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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