



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship September 25, 2022 9:30am
4th Sunday in the Season of Peace

Gathering

PRELUDE

“Beach Spring”
Linda Dover, organist

arr. Gilbert M. Martin
The Sacred Harp, 1844

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Sue Trigger

SHARING OUR SONG “May the Name of the Lord Be Praised” by Carol Huffman Dickerson
Joy! Singers (4s – 1st graders)

Emily Hussey, director – Hilary Schmidt, assistant director
Singers: Rowan Cabe, Abel Frye, Henry Frye, Kamden Frye, Charlotte Hearn,
Aidan Hussey, Evie Schmidt, Magnolia Sellers, and Grant Stromberg

*From the sunrise to the sunset, may the name of the Lord be praised.
Lift your voices, sing your praises, may the name of the Lord be praised.
Alleluia, Alleluia, may the name of the Lord be praised.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We gather together in the name of the one who bids us come.

ALL: We gather together to hear the words of the one who is Love.

ONE: We gather together to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

ALL: Come, let us worship!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 103

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

O-SO-SO

Verse 1: Choir ... Verse 2: Low Voices ... Verse 3: High Voices ... Verse 4: All Voices

103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

오소서

1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec - on - cile all peo - ple.

KOREAN

- 1 오소서 오소서 평화의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 2 오소서 오소서 사랑의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 3 오소서 오소서 자유의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 4 오소서 오소서 통일의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서

Originally created for a 1988 world conference for the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula, these four stanzas centering on peace, love, freedom, and unity demonstrate how texts for particular situations can become hymns that speak deeply to shared human longings.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN “God Loves the World” by Carol Huffman Dickerson

Celebration! Choir (2nd – 5th graders)

Pam Kelly, director – Lara Schesser, assistant director & shakers

Angela Krug, accompanist – Miles McDonald, bongos

Verse 1 Soloists: Brynnley Krug, Mallory Hearn, and Cate Hussey

Verse 2 Soloists: James Schmidt, Harrison Stromberg, and Liam Hussey

Singers: Xander Circo, Melo Golston, Nini Golston, Mallory Hearn, Cate Hussey,
Liam Hussey, Brynnley Krug, James Schmidt, Ethan Stromberg, and Harrison Stromberg

God loves the world. God loves the world and ev’rything in it.

God gave his Son. God gave his Son for all of the world.

We all live under the same sun, same moon, and stars.

God loves all people no matter where they are. (Chorus)

God loves all of creation; ev’ry creature great and small.

We reflect God’s love when we care for them all.

God loves the world. God loves the world and ev’rything in it.

God gave his Son. God gave his Son.

God gave his Son for all of the world, for all of the world!

PRAYER OF DISCIPLESHIP (*Together*)

Loving God, giver of all good gifts, you have created us for life together, and in Christ you have revealed to us that the true riches of faith are good works, generosity, and a desire to serve. Strengthen us this day to pursue all righteousness, godliness, and love with perseverance and gentleness, that we may take hold of the life that is really life, and dwell with you eternally. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 16:19–31 (CEB)

Cheryl Johnson

“There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man’s table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores. “The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. He shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have

mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I'm suffering in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain. Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.' "The rich man said, 'Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father's house. I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don't come to this place of agony.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.' The rich man said, 'No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.' Abraham said, 'If they don't listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.'"

SONG OF PEACE

+ "Shalom"

by Dan Forrest

Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

Donna Heer, violin

Peace. Shalom.

Peace I leave with you, peace I give to you: Peace. Peace. Shalom.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: Peace. Peace. Shalom.

Not as this world gives, I give to you. Do not be afraid. Shalom.

Shalom, my peace I give to you, shalom, peace I leave with you, shalom.

Peace. Peace. Peace. Shalom.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Video based on Galatians 5:13

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"What's in Your Carry On?"

Rev. Sue Trigger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

"Dove of Peace"

Linda Dover, organist

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

The Southern Harmony, 1835

Sending

*HYMN 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccatà in F Major”
Linda Dover, organist

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637–1707)

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

***+Today’s anthem, “Shalom” by Dan Forrest
was donated by Jerel & Kathy Williams
in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
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