



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Service of Worship November 22, 2020 10:00am
7th Sunday in the Season of Thanks Giving

Gathering

PRELUDE

“We Gather Together”
Linda Dover, organist

arr. Matthew H. Corl

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*spoken together*)

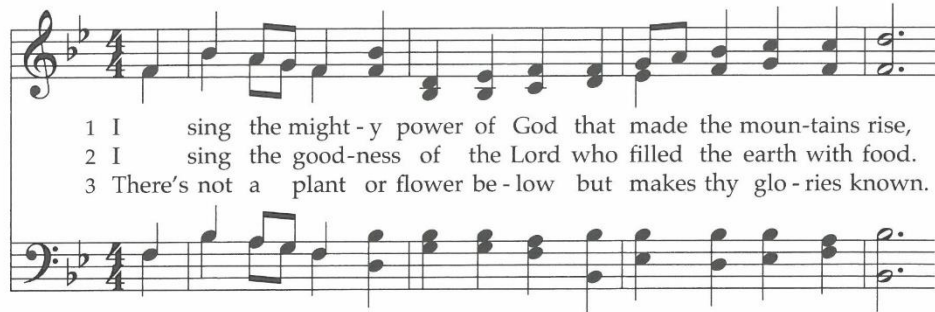
**What does the Lord require of us?
To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.
What does God command of us?
To love God with all our heart, all our soul,
all our mind, and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
God does not call us to ease or to comfort,
but to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.
Let us worship the God who believes in us,
trusts in us, and abides with us.
Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

HYMN 32

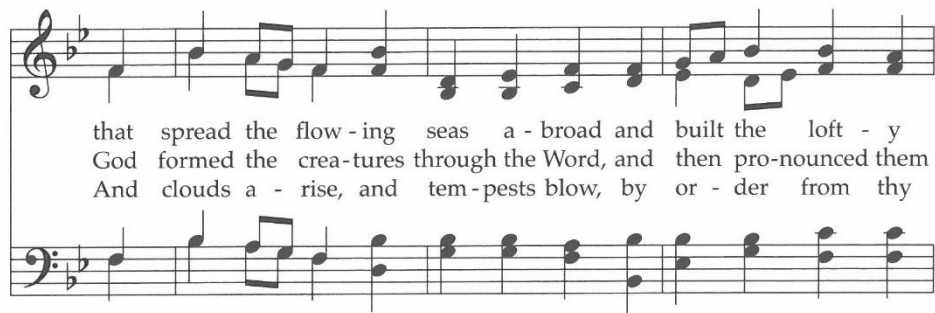
“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

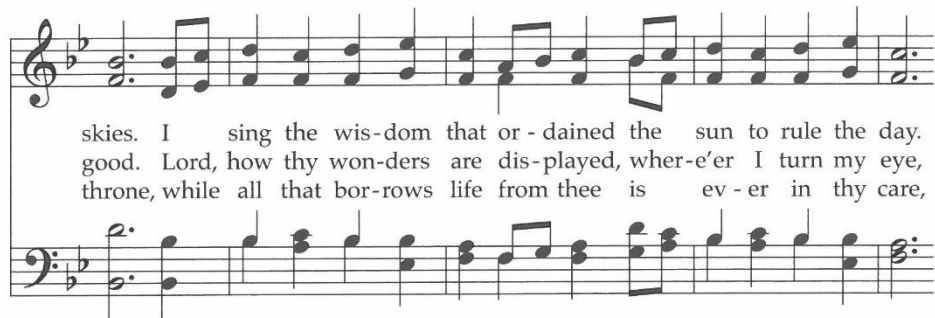
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



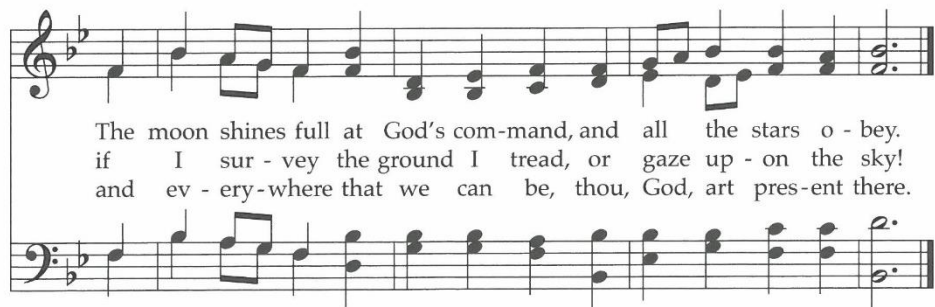
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

A TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation.
We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you.
Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew.
Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection.
May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love
to all people, everywhere. These things we pray as we also pray the prayer
Jesus taught his disciples, saying:
“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.”**

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!

HYMN 544

“Bless the Lord”
Sing 4 times

BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)

SENDING

544

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

This refrain based on Psalm 103:1 is meant for repeated singing. To "bless God's holy name" (which could not be spoken by observant Jews) is a reminder to be grateful even for what we cannot comprehend, trusting that God's providence will show us "the path of life" (Psalm 16:11).

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1984
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984
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BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)
Irregular

Equipping

LESSON FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 16

(Common English Bible)

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord.
Apart from you, I have nothing good."
I will bless the Lord who advises me;
even at night I am instructed
in the depths of my mind.
I always put the Lord in front of me;
I will not stumble because he is on my right side.
That's why my heart celebrates and my mood is joyous;
yes, my whole body will rest in safety
because you won't abandon my life to the grave;
you won't let your faithful follower see the pit.

You teach me the way of life.
In your presence is total celebration.
Beautiful things are always in your right hand.

EPISTLE LESSON

The First Letter of Peter 1:3–5

(Common English Bible)

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of his vast mercy, he has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish—an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you. Through his faithfulness, you are guarded by God’s power so that you can receive the salvation he is ready to reveal in the last time.

ANTHEM

“A Simple Thanksgiving”

Quodlibet

& arr. by Joseph Martin

Including “Simple Gifts” & “This Is My Father’s World”

Chancel Singers II – Bob Dover, flute

Barbara Douglas, Terri Monrad, Pam Kelly, Susan Hayden,

Laura Farris, Jim Kelly, Ellin Schoenfeld, Gene Wilson, & Joe Hoffman

*‘Tis a gift to be simple, ‘tis a gift to be free, ‘tis a gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right, we’ll be in the valley of love and light.*

When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed.

To turn, turn will be our delight ‘til by turning, turning we come ‘round right.

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears, all nature sings and

‘round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father’s world,

*I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.*

*This is my Father’s world. He shines in all that’s fair;
in rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev’rywhere.*

SERMON

“Shout It Out Loud”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

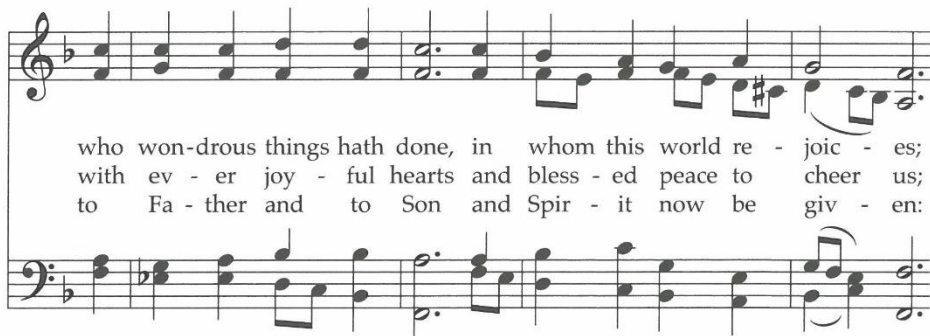
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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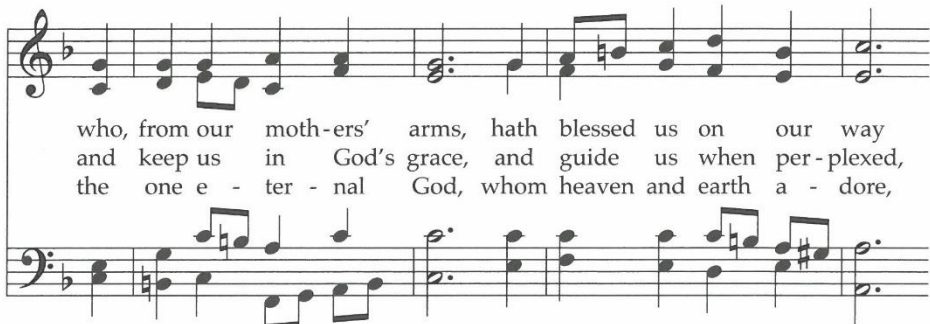
643 Now Thank We All Our God



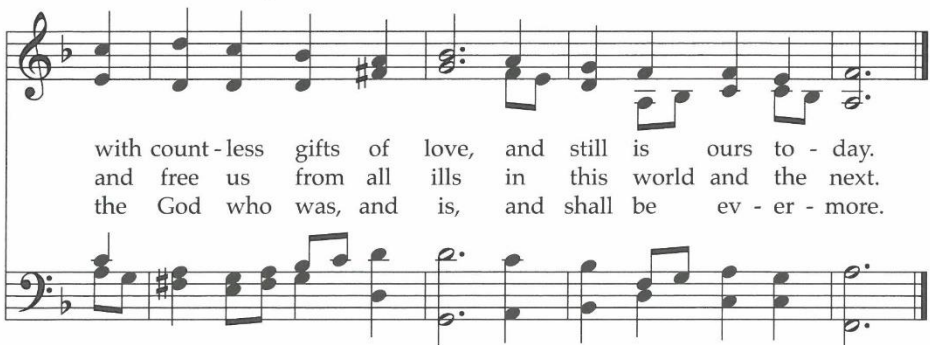
1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ever more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Nun Danket”
Linda Dover, organist

arr. Hal Hopson

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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