



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship August 21, 2022 9:30am
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Better Is One Day”

by Matt Redman

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for you.
For here my heart is satisfied within your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.*

***Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house,
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere. (Repeat)***

*One thing I ask, and I would seek; to see your beauty.
To find You in the place your glory dwells.
For there my heart is satisfied – within your presence.
To feel you in the place your glory dwells!*

***Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house,
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere. (Repeat)***

*My heart and flesh cry out for you, the loving God.
Your Spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen. Come once again to me.
I will draw near to you...I will draw near to you.*

***Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house,
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere. (Repeat)
...than thousands elsewhere.***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Sue Trigger

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(video)*

Psalm 145

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord. I will extol you, my God and my King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised and his greatness is unsearchable. All your works shall give thanks to you, oh Lord, and all of your saints shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your Kingdom and tell of your power to make known to the children your many deeds and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who hear him. He also hears their cry and saves them. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord.

*SONG TO PRAISE

“Brother”

by Rinehart

*Ramblers in the wilderness; yeah, we can't find what we need.
We get a little restless from the searching, get a little worn down in-between.
Like a bull chasing the matador is a man left to his own schemes.
Well, ev'rybody needs someone beside them shining like a lighthouse from the sea.*

***Brother, let me be your shelter; never leave you all alone.
I can be the one you call when you're low.
Brother let me be your fortress when the night winds are driving on,
Be the one to light the way, bring you home.***

*Face down in the desert now, there's a cage locked around my heart.
I found a way to drop the keys where my failures were; now my hands can't reach that far.
I ain't made for a rivalry; I could never take the world alone.
I know that in my weakness I am strong; it's your love that brings me home.*

***Brother, let me be your shelter; never leave you all alone.
I can be the one you call when you're low.
Brother let me be your fortress when the night winds are driving on,
Be the one to light the way, bring you home. (Repeat 2x)***

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

inspired by Ephesians 4:1-16

God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see. In Christ's name, we pray. 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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 14: 26a–40 (CEB) Kevin Johnson

When you meet together, each one has a psalm, a teaching, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. All these things must be done to build up the church. If some speak in a tongue, then let two or at most three speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. However, if there is no interpreter, then they should keep quiet in the meeting. They should speak privately to themselves and to God. In the case of prophets, let two or three speak and have the rest evaluate what is said. And if some revelation comes to someone else who is sitting down, the first one should be quiet. You can all prophesy one at a time so that everyone can learn and be encouraged. The spirits of prophets are under the control of the prophets. God isn't a God of disorder but of peace. Like in all the churches of God's people, the women should be quiet during the meeting. They are not allowed to talk. Instead, they need to get under control, just as the Law says. If they want to learn something, they should ask their husbands at home. It is disgraceful for a woman to talk during the meeting. Did the word of God originate with you? Has it come only to you? If anyone thinks that they are prophets or "spiritual people," then let them recognize that what I'm writing to you is the Lord's command. If someone doesn't recognize this, they aren't recognized. So then, brothers and sisters, use your ambition to try to get the gift of prophecy, but don't prevent speaking in tongues. Everything should be done with dignity and in proper order.

SONG TO REFLECT

"All Things New"

as recorded by Big Daddy Weave

*I've heard you can take what's broken and make it whole again.
Well, here's the pieces of my heart. What can you do with them?
'Cause I can't hold them all together anymore,
so I let them fall surrendered to the floor.*

***You make all things new. You make all things new.
God of mercy and love, do what only you can do
and make all things new.***

*Only you can bring such beauty from the depths of all my pain.
Only you can take this shattered heart and make it beat again.
O, you hold us all together in your hands.
I surrender all I have and all I am.*

***You make all things new. You make all things new.
God of mercy and love, do what only you can do
and make all things new.***

*From the ashes, from the dust I will rise up, rise up.
Out of darkness, into the light, I will rise up, rise up.*

***You make all things new. You make all things new.
God of mercy and love, do what only you can do
and make all things new.***

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Peter 5:1–4 (CEB)

Therefore, I have a request for the elders among you. (I ask this as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings, and as one who shares in the glory that is about to be revealed.) I urge the elders: Like shepherds, tend the flock of God among you. Watch over it. Don’t shepherd because you must, but do it voluntarily for God. Don’t shepherd greedily, but do it eagerly. Don’t shepherd by ruling over those entrusted to your care, but become examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will receive an unfading crown of glory.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“This is Who We Are, Part 3: Polity”

Rev. Sue Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG TO GIVE

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

by Rend Collective

*Come set your rule, and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we’re made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.*

*We are your church; we need your pow’r in us.
We seek your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;*

*Refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.*

***We are your church; we pray revive this earth.
Build your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.
Show your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set your church on fire! Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere. Build your kingdom here, we pray!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

*SONG TO RESPOND

**"This Is Who We Are"
All Sing Verses 1, 2, & 3**

arr. Christopher G. Krug

This is Who We Are

Music by Tracy Keenan and Aisha Brooks-Lytle

Arr. by Christopher G. Krug

Chords: C/E D/F# G C C/A D7sus D7

Voices

1/4. We are peop - le of prayer, to peop - le of cour - age and
 2. God gives grace u - pon grace to re - cog - nize Je - sus in
 3. Je sus, life's ve - ry Bread, Burst through the grave to give

Piano

4 G/B C sus2 C/E D/F# G C9 Am7

peop - le who dare, and We are peop - le un - it - ed to serve,
 each neigh - bor's face, and God are coax - ing us in - to the new,
 life to the dead, and Je - sus calls us to live in - to love,

7 Am7/D D C/E

be - cause we're peo - ple who care, and we're a live and
 with Spi - rit age - less and brave and we're a - live
 be - cause the time is at hand to be a - live

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This is Who We Are

10 F Fmaj7 C/A D7 G/B C sus2

ri - sing, stir - ring and stirred by the life breath - ing Word,

Ped. *

13 Ebmaj7 F6 G sus G Ebmaj7 F6 G sus 1, 2, 3.

This is Who We Are This is Who We Are

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

17 4. G

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SONG TO SEND

“Build Your Kingdom Here” *(continued)*

by Rend Collective

Unleash your kingdom’s pow’r, reaching the near and far.

No force of hell can stop your beauty, changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this; Awake the kingdom seed in us.

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

We are your church; we are the hope on earth.

Build your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.

Show your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.

Set your church on fire! Win this nation back.

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GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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