



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship August 14, 2022 9:30am
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

by Paul Baloche

Praise Team

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart:

I want to see you; I want to see you. (Repeat)

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your pow’r and love as we sing “Holy, holy, holy.”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart:

I want to see you; I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your pow’r and love as we sing “Holy, holy, holy.”

Holy, holy, holy – Holy, holy, holy – Holy, holy, holy – I want to see you.

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mitch Trigger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth,
darkness was over the deep, and the Spirit of God
was hovering over the waters.

**ALL: Before Jesus walked among us, the Spirit of God was promised to him,
so that he would bring justice to the nations.**

One: Jesus sent the Spirit of truth to teach us and give us peace.

**ALL: At Pentecost the Spirit came, as the rush of wind and fire.
That same Spirit is among us now. Let us worship God!**

*SONG TO PRAISE

“We Are”

by Butler, Cash, Tealy & McBride

Ev'ry secret, ev'ry shame, ev'ry fear, ev'ry pain
live inside the dark, but that's not who we are. We are children of the day.
*So wake up, sleeper, lift your head. We were meant for more than this.
Fight the shadows, conquer death, make the most of the time we have left.*

We are the light of the world; we are the city on a hill.

We are the light of the world, and we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine. (Repeat)

We are called to spread the news, to tell the world the simple truth.
Jesus came to save, there's freedom in his name,
So let his love break through.

We are the light of the world; we are the city on a hill.

We are the light of the world, and we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine. (Repeat)

*We are the light, we are the light, WE are the light – so let your light shine brighter.
We are the light, we are the light, we are the light!
Jesus, YOU are the light, you are the light, you are the light.
We will lift you high and shine, shine, shine!*

We are the light of the world; we are the city on a hill.

We are the light of the world, and we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine. (Repeat)

Let the light shine – let the light shine!

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN — BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess
that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

—PCUSA Book of Common Worship (1993), p. 54.

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 FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 18:18-30 (CEB)

Dave Pack

A certain ruler asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?" Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. You know the commandments: Don't commit adultery. Don't murder. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Honor your father and mother." Then the ruler said, "I've kept all of these things since I was a boy."

When Jesus heard this, he said, "There's one more thing. Sell everything you own and distribute the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me." When he heard these words, the man became sad because he was extremely rich.

When Jesus saw this, he said, "It's very hard for the wealthy to enter God's kingdom! It's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom."

Those who heard this said, "Then who can be saved?"

Jesus replied, "What is impossible for humans is possible for God."

Peter said, "Look, we left everything we own and followed you."

Jesus said to them, "I assure you that anyone who has left house, husband, wife, brothers, sisters, parents, or children because of God's kingdom will receive many times more in this age and eternal life in the coming age."

SONG TO REFLECT

"Child of Love"

as sung by We The Kingdom

I was walking the wayside, lost on a lonely road.
I was chasing the high life, try'n to satisfy my soul.

All the lies I believed in left me crying like the rain.
Then I saw lightning from heaven and I've never been the same.

**I'm gonna climb a mountain. I'm gonna shout about it. I am a child of love!
I found a world of freedom. I found a friend in Jesus. I am a child of love!**

I've felt the sting of the fire, but I saw you in the flames.
Just when I thought it was over, you broke me out of the grave.

**I'm gonna climb a mountain. I'm gonna shout about it. I am a child of love!
I found a world of freedom. I found a friend in Jesus. I am a child of love!**

I am a child of love!

*Nothing can change the way you love. Nothing can change the way.
I belong to you. Yes, I do. Nothing can separate. (Repeat)*

**I'm gonna climb a mountain. I'm gonna shout about it. I am a child of love!
I found a world of freedom. I found a friend in Jesus. I am a child of love!**

SCRIPTURE LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS Amos 5:14-15, 21-24

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of heavenly forces, will be with you just as you have said. Hate evil, love good, and establish justice at the city gate. Perhaps the Lord God of heavenly forces will be gracious to what is left of Joseph. I hate, I reject your festivals; I don't enjoy your joyous assemblies. If you bring me your entirely burned offerings and gifts of food—I won't be pleased; I won't even look at your offerings of well-fed animals. Take away the noise of your songs; I won't listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "This is Who We Are, Part 2: Social Justice" Rev. Mitch Trigger

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG TO GIVE "No Matter What" as sung by Ryan Stevenson

A lot of us grew up believing at any moment we can lose it all.
And at the drop of a hat God might turn his back and move on.
A lot of us feel like we blew it, thinkin' that we're just too far gone.
But I want you to know there's still a hope for you now.

**No matter what you've done, you can't erase his love.
Nothing can change it, you're not separated, no matter what.**

There's never been a better time to get honest. There's never been a better time to get clean.
So come as you are, run to the cross and be free.

No matter what you've done, you can't erase his love.
No matter where you run, he's always holding on.
You're still a daughter, you're still a son, no matter what.

I don't know what you've been taught, don't know what you've been told.
All I know is my God will never let go of you, no.
I don't know what you've seen, don't know what you've been through.
All I know is my God will never let go of you,
he'll never let go!

No matter what you've done, you can't erase his love.
No matter where you run, he's always holding on.
You're still a daughter, you're still a son, no matter what.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

*SONG OF DEDICATION

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

arr. Christopher G. Krug

This is Who We Are

Music by Tracy Keenan and Aisha Brooks-Lytle

Arr. by Christopher G. Krug

Voices

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

1/4. We are peop - le of prayer, 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, 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. * Ped. Ped. Ped. 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.

17 4. G

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Child of Love” *Reprise*

as sung by We The Kingdom

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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