



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship August 27, 2023 9:30am  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering

PRELUDE “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON  
Linda Dover, organist arr. by Patricia Lou Harris  
*The organ music this morning is comprised of traditional hymn tunes played with some non-traditional sounds. Listen for blown bottles, Kalimbas, wood harps, and more as we worship God today.*

*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 Kathy Bures

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Jennifer Baer  
ONE: O sing to the Lord a new song;  
ALL: sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
ONE: Sing, and give praise to God’s name;  
ALL: tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

\*HYMN 610, stanzas 1-4 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON

## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*

## KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;

Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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## A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Katie Hearn

*(Children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. 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)*

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your  
ways, to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Jennifer Baer

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**ONE:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you and all others!**

\*HYMN 610, *stanza 5*      "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.**

## Equipping

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 1:8–2:10 (NRSV)

Bond Faulwell

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us

and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

ANTHEM

“Here I Am, Lord”  
Summer Choir

by Daniel L. Schutte  
arr. Jack Schrader

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,  
all who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

**(Refrain)** *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them – they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give hem hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)***

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame;  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**  
Here I am, Lord.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

## Psalm 124 (NRSV)

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side — let Israel now say —  
if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,  
then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;  
then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;  
then over us would have gone the raging waters.  
Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.  
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

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

SERMON

“What We Remember”

Rev. Jennifer Baer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Linda Dover, organist

arr. by Barry Braman

CWM RHONDDA

Sending

\*HYMN 43

“You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord”

*(Verses-Soloists – Refrains All)*

ON EAGLE’S WINGS

# 43 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)

*Leader or All* G D/F#

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -

G D/F# F

bide in his shad - ow for life, say to the Lord, "My

Dm F Gm Asus A

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain* All D Em

And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, bear you on the

A7 D D7/F# G

breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,

A Bm F#m Em7 A Dsus D *Fine*

and hold you in the palm of his hand.

*Leader or All* G D/F#

2 The snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and

G D/F# F

fam - ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings, your

Although the body of this text is a paraphrase of Psalm 91, the refrain combines allusions to Exodus 19:4, Psalm 139:9, and Isaiah 40:31; 49:16. Written in response to the death of a friend's father, this piece has been a source of consolation to many people.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

Dm F Gm Asus A  
to Refrain

ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

G D/F#  
Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the

G D/F# F

ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

Dm F Gm Asus A  
to Refrain

bout you, near you it shall not come.

G D/F#

4 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to

G D/F# F

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

Gm7 Am Gm7 Asus A  
to Refrain

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Bures

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jennifer Baer

POSTLUDE

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Linda Dover, organist

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

arr. by John Wyatt Burson



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