

GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Service of Worship October 25, 2020 10:00am 3rd Sunday in the Season of Thanks Giving

Gathering

PRELUDE

"Psalm 23" (He Leadeth Me)

arr. Alice Jordan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (spoken together)

We are called to love the Lord our God
We are called to love with all our heart and soul
We are called to love the Lord our God
We are called to love with all our mind and strength
We are called to love the Lord our God
And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.
Come, let us love our God and share God's love in this time of worship!

HYMN 482 "Baptized in Water" BUNESSAN



Baptized in Water



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Christ our King; the of heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing blood one with his ris - ing, freed and for with Christ our King; tomb born of the Spir - it, we are God's Christ our King; of sign



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly God's prais - es sing. now we giv thank - ful - ly God's prais - es sing. en, now we chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

A TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God, when each one of us first came to this household of god, we came as strangers and travelers. Today we remember that each one of us is equally a member of the household of God, with the other members present today, with the members of the past, and with all the saints and members of the household of God. May all of us together continue to build and grow this church into a holy temple dedicated you, through Christ Jesus, the cornerstone and foundation of our faith. We pray this as we 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 630 "Take My Life" HENDON (vs. 1-3)



- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

Equipping

GOSPEL LESSON

The Gospel of Mark 1:2–8

(NRSV)

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of Luke 22:14–20

(NRSV)

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

ANTHEM

"Grateful Songs of Praise" arr. Joseph Martin
Incorporating "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
and "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Chancel Singers III
Lauren Bond, Karen Kesler, Pam Kelly, Laura Farris, Susan Hayden,
Jim Kelly, Linda Bruns, Paul Bruns, and Bob Dover

SERMON "Water and Wine"

Rev. Mitch Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress" (Ein Feste Burg)

arr. Wilbur Held

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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