



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship October 23, 2022 9:30am
The Third Sunday in the Season of Thanksgiving

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

by Baloché

All

**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 power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.**

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

WELCOME

Rev. Sue Trigger

ENTER TO WORSHIP

"Be Unto Your Name"

arr. Dan R. Edwards

Jubilation! Ringers – Kathy Bures, director

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Highest praises, honor, and glory be unto your name.

*CALL TO WORSHIP *video*

Psalms 100

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to the Lord and praise his name for the Lord is good. His mercy lasts forever and his truth endures through all generations. Enter his gates with thanksgiving. Enter his courts with praise.

*SONGS TO PRAISE

"Be Thou My Vision"

All

**Be Thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart. High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see.

My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood his mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(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.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

ALL: So many voices trumpet their greatness, so many images boast of their beauty, flaunt their power, squander their wealth; and all too many of them do so in your name, Jesus.

ONE: Here we are in a world which is daily broken by the foolish arrogance of people just like us; and so we pray for the healing power of humility to flood every corner of our world: wherever there is exploitation and God-imagined people are dehumanized; wherever there is neglect and the needs of the poorest are ignored; wherever there is disdain, and the sacred value of creatures and earth are denied; wherever there is violence, and the gifts of difference and dignity are rejected.

ALL: Wherever people are tempted to think of themselves as better than others, more worthy, more deserving, more important to you, may your humility break in and challenge us, reminding us of our brokenness and need, and teaching us to serve and to love everyone with the grace and humility you show toward us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you and all others!

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

“Come Into His Presence”

by Baird

All

**Come into his presence with thanksgiving in your heart
and give him praise, and give him praise;
Come into his presence with thanksgiving in your heart,
your voices raise, your voices raise.
Give glory and honor and power unto him,
Jesus, the name above all names.**

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 32

(CEB)

The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven,
whose sin is covered over, is truly happy!
The one the Lord doesn't consider guilty—
in whose spirit there is no dishonesty—
that one is truly happy!
When I kept quiet, my bones wore out;
I was groaning all day long—
every day, every night!—
because your hand was heavy upon me.
My energy was sapped as if in a summer drought.
So I admitted my sin to you;
I didn't conceal my guilt.
“I'll confess my sins to the Lord,” is what I said.
Then you removed the guilt of my sin.
That's why all the faithful should pray to you during troubled times,
so that a great flood of water won't reach them.
You are my secret hideout!
You protect me from trouble.
You surround me with songs of rescue!

SONG TO REFLECT

“I Need You More”

by Cooley & Haynes

Praise Team

I need you more, more than yesterday,
I need you more, more than words can say;
I need you more than ever before,
I need you, Lord, I need you, Lord.

More than the air I breathe, more than the song I sing;
More than the next heartbeat, more than anything.
And Lord, as time goes by, I'll be by your side;
'Cause I never want to go back to my old life.
Right here in your presence is where I belong;
This old broken heart has finally found a home,
And I'll never be alone.

I need you more, more than yesterday,
I need you more, more than words can say;
I need you more than ever before,
I need you, Lord, I need you, Lord.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:9–14

(CEB)

Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced themselves that they were righteous and who looked on everyone else with disgust: "Two people went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself with these words, 'God, I thank you that I'm not like everyone else—crooks, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I receive.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn't even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said, 'God, show mercy to me, a sinner.' I tell you, this person went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"All By Myself"

Rev. Sue Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG FOR GIVING

"For Good"

by Stephen Schwartz

Donna Goeckler & Carrie DeVries

"Because I knew you, I have been changed for good."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SONG TO SEND

"Be Thou My Vision"

All

**High King of heaven my victory won. May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heavn's sun.
Heart of my own heart whatever befall. Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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