



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship February 13, 2022 9:30am
6th Sunday After Epiphany

Gathering

PRELUDE

“When We Walk With the Lord”
“Psalm 23”
Linda Dover, piano

arr. Anna Laura Page
by Stan Pethel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Sue Trigger

CALL TO WORSHIP (*video*)

Almighty God, you reach into the darkness with hope, truth, and light. Stretch out your strong hand in this situation, hold and rescue those who have suffered. Let your almighty love move mountains, cross seas, and breathe life into the darkest places.

Light that redeems.

Light that restores.

Light that heals.

Light that protects.

Light that saves.

There is nothing higher, stronger or greater than your love.

We trust in you.

SONG TO PRAISE 35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
Stanzas 1 & 3

LOBE DEN HERREN

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess what we are afraid to face, the fact that the seductions of this world gnaw away at our hearts. We have more and more to choose from at the store, and we forget those whose only choice is hunger. Our sense that we are your favorites causes us to make fun of those we are convinced are not. We are so consumed with saving enough for the future, we overlook those who have so little this day.

Forgive us for thinking we are the center of your world. Pour your living water into us, so we might set down roots deep into your heart and become those people who are blessings to others, as we have received the gift of new life from Jesus Christ, our savior.

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 1:1–6

(NRSV)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

SONG TO REFLECT

“I Love to Tell the Story”

arr. John Leavitt

Chancel Ensemble

*Barbara Douglas, Karen Kesler, Susan Sutherland, Sue Trigger,
Linda Bruns, David Sutherland, Bob Dover, & Mitch Trigger*

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 6: 17–26

(NRSV)

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Dealing With Blessings and Woes”

Rev. Sue Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

SONG TO SEND 767

“Together We Serve”

SAN ANSELMO

Together We Serve 767

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B^b F Gm Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b B^b Cm7 Fsus F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
 B^b F E^b Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 B^b E^b B^b Cm F7 B^b

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
Linda Dover, organ

arr. Duane Plash

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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