



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship June 6, 2021 10:00am
Second Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE

“Psalm 19”

by Benedetto Marcello
setting by John Carter

“Prelude”

J.S. Bach

(No. 1 from Well-Tempered Clavichord)
Linda Dover, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“Sonatina, mvt. 1”

by Eldin Burton

Kat Mason, flute

*“Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning, God’s recreation of the new day!”
Lyrics from “Morning Has Broken” by Eleanor Farjeon*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to give thanks to You, O Lord,
with all our heart!

We will sing Your praises before all creation,
and rejoice in Your steadfast love!

You have created us O Lord, and made us for Yourself.
In You we become everything You have made us to be!

CELEBRATING TIME

681 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

(Psalm 118)

1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are
 2 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
 3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -
 4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on

all God's own. Let heaven re - jice; let
 ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
 es of grace, who comes in this ac -
 earth can raise! The high - est heavens in

earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
 scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
 cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.
 which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

These stanzas provide Watts's paraphrase of Psalm 118:24-29 (minus a stanza he inserted about Easter and Pentecost as part of his effort to Christianize the Psalms). They are set to a tune composed for and named by a Paul Gerhardt text, "Now Let All Thank and Bring Honor."

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: Johann Crüger, c. 1647

NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'
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A TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God the creator, we come, in awe of you. We are overwhelmed by the wonder of your creation; we are inspired by the mystery of life; we are amazed by the beauty of your world; we are astonished that such a God would have anything to do with the likes of us. So, we kneel before you, in awe and wonder, humbled before your greatness.

God the Son, who has come amongst us in the person of Jesus; you have walked our streets; you have lifted our children; you have sat in our churches; you have labored with our fisherman. So we come, with you beside us, no longer remote and distant. We come, no longer in fear and trembling, but seeking the embrace of your love, the smile of your acceptance, the touch of your forgiveness. We dare to come close to you because you have come close to us.

God, the Spirit of Life, we are thankful for your constant presence; for the healing of your love; for the challenge of your Word; for the inspiration of your Gospel; for the community of your Church. Renew us and refresh us; enable us and enliven us; challenge us and change us; prompt us and improve us ... in our worship ... in our mission ... and in our service in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and all to your glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Please remain at your place and share the peace from where you are.)

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you and all others!

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Jason Krug

Charter Ringers II – Celia Nicholas, director

(Ringers) Linda Bruns, Kathy Bures, Katie Hearn, Cheryl Johnson, and Cal Sweeten

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.*

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 8:4–20; 11:14–15 *The Hebrew Bible*, trans., Alter

And all the elders of Israel assembled and came to Samuel at Ramah. And they said to him, “Look, you yourself have grown old and your sons have not gone in your ways. So now, set over us a king to rule us, like all the nations.” And the thing was evil in Samuel’s eyes when they said, “Give us a king to rule us.” And Samuel prayed to the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, “Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for it is not you they have cast aside but Me they have cast aside from reigning over them. Like all deeds they have done from the day I brought them up from Egypt to this day, forsaking Me and serving other gods, even so they do as well to you. So now, heed their voice, though you must solemnly warn them and tell them the practice of the king what will reign over them.” And Samuel said all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking of him a king. And he said, “This will be the practice of the king who will reign over you: Your sons he will take and set for himself in his chariots and in his cavalry, some will run before his chariots. He will set for himself captains of thousands and captains of fifties, to plow his ground and reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and the implements of his chariots. And your daughters he will take for confectioners and cooks and bakers. And your best fields and your vineyards and your olive trees he will take and give to his servants. And your seed crops and your vineyards he will tithe and give to his eunuchs and to his servants. And your best male and female slaves and your cattle and your donkeys he will take and use for his tasks. Your flocks he will tithe, and as for you, you will become his slaves. And you will cry out on that day before your king whom you chose for yourselves and the Lord will not answer you on that day.” And the people refused to heed Samuel’s voice and they said, “No! A king there shall be over us! And we, too, will be like all the nations and our king shall rule us and sally forth before us and fight our battles.” And Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and we shall renew there the kingship.” And all the people went to Gilgal and they made Saul king there before the Lord at Gilgal, and they sacrificed their well-being sacrifices before the Lord, and Saul rejoiced there, and all the men of Israel with him, very greatly.

SERMON

“Be Careful What You Wish For”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

What Is the World Like 771

Capo 1: (G) A^b (Em7) Fm7 (C) D^b (D) E^b

1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,

(Em) Fm (C) D^b (Am) B^bm (B7) C7

Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.

(Em) Fm (Am) B^bm (D) E^b (G) A^b

roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

(C) D^b (Em7) Fm7 (Am7) B^bm7 (D) E^b (G) A^b

This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text and tune were written to conclude a hymn festival at the 2009 Annual Conference of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Four parables framed both the festival and the hymn: the Mustard Seed, the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the Ten Bridesmaids.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Music from Stralsund Gesangbuch (1665)
Linda Dover, organ
(performed on Orchestral setting of the organ)

arr. by J. Wayne Kerr

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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