



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship September 12, 2021 9:30am
2nd Sunday in the Season of Peace

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Heart of Worship”
Praise Team

Redman

When the music fades — All is stripped away — And I simply come
Longing just to bring — Something that's of worth — That will bless your heart
I'll bring you more than a song — For a song in itself is not what you have required
You search much deeper within - Through the way things appear. You're looking into my heart
I'm coming back to the heart of worship -And it's all about you -It's all about you, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it -When it's all about you-It's all about you, Jesus

King of endless worth — No one could express how much you deserve
Though I'm weak and poor — All I have is yours — Every single breath.
I'll bring you more than a song — For a song in itself is not what you have required
You search much deeper within — Through the way things appear. You're looking into my heart
I'm coming back to the heart of worship — And it's all about you — It's all about you, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it — When it's all about you — It's all about you, Jesus

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mitch Trigger

CALL TO WORSHIP

The prophet Zephaniah says: “The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
He is mighty and will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will renew you in His love; He will exult over you with singing.”

Let it be known in all nations, God is our strength,

God is our song and God is our salvation.
So, let us praise God and rejoice with God in song.

SONGS TO PRAISE

“Hear Our Praises”

Hillsong

Praise Team

May our homes be filled with dancing — May our streets be filled with joy
May injustice bow to Jesus — As the people turn to pray
From the mountains to the valleys — Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations — Hear our singing fill the air

May Your light shine in the darkness — As we walk before the cross
May Your glory fill the whole earth — As the water o'er seas
From the mountains to the valleys — Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations — Hear our singing fill the air

Hallelujah, hallelujah — Hallelujah, hallelujah ...
Hallelujah, hallelujah — Hallelujah, hallelujah ...

From the mountains to the valleys — Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations — Hear our singing fill the air

TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, we thank you for the music all around us.
Each morning we hear it from the moment we open our ears;
the low notes of wind around the eaves, the whoosh of water as it comes from the tap,
the glug glug as it drains, the throaty whistle of the boiling kettle,
the metallic tap of the spoon against the cup, the jazz percussion of our feet on steps.
The sounds of our day, so familiar we hardly pay attention.

Thank you for the ability to hear.

Thank you for the sounds of life: the chatter of the squirrel, the deep purr of a cat,
the sharp calls of a blue jay, the sound of someone we love laughing.

Give us wisdom to enter this day with good sounds,
tones and pitches and words that affirm, encourage, cherish,
our sounds affecting the world in a positive way.

We pray for all who sing a sad song today; the grieving, the lonely, the lost.
We pray especially for those who have lost their voice and feel silenced or oppressed.
There are many singing freedom songs around our world,
and so today we pray for the safety of these singers.

Give their song the strength to convince and convert, the power to ward off war.

There are too many war songs, we don't want to hear another one.

Thank you for your songs, love songs, which we are invited to sing.

Thank you for all the parts you've made for the song;

soprano, alto, tenor, bass.

Thank you for the children's part and the seniors' part,

thank you for the youth part and the part for middle agers,

thank you for the crazy baby descant that we all love to hear.

You are the Great Composer .

We long to be composed each day in your image, singing your elegant score clearly,

following your rhythm by heart, finding our voice in your beautiful world.

Hearing you in the music of life. This is our prayer. 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!

SONG TO SHARE

"Joy of the Lord"

Rend Collective

Praise Team

Though the tears may fall, my song will rise My song will rise to You

Though my heart may fail, my song will rise My song will rise to You

While there is breath in my lungs I will praise you, Lord

In the dead of night, I'll lift my eyes I'll lift my eyes to You

Though the waters rise, I'll lift my eyes I'll lift my eyes to You

While there's hope in this heart I will praise you, Lord

The joy of the Lord is my strength — The joy of the Lord is my strength

In the darkness I'll dance — In the shadows I'll sing

The joy of the Lord is my strength

When I cannot see You lift my eyes Let faith arise to You

When I cannot feel Your hand in mine Let faith arise to You

God of mercy and love I will praise you, Lord

I shine with glory, Lord of light I feel alive with You

In Your presence now I come alive I am alive with You

There is strength when I say I will praise you, Lord, ooh

**The joy of the Lord is my strength — The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance — In the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength**

*When sorrow comes my way You are the shield around me
Always You remain Like courage in the fight
I hear You call my name Jesus, I am coming
Walking on the waves Reaching for Your light*

**The joy of the Lord is my strength — The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance — In the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength**

Equipping

LESSON FROM THE PSALMS “Psalm 149:1–3” (CEB)

Dave Pack

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful!

Let Israel celebrate its maker; let Zion’s children rejoice in their king!

Let them praise God’s name with dance; let them sing God’s praise with the drum and lyre!

SONG TO REFLECT

“Follow You”

Cash, Leeland, Mooring

Praise Team

You live among the least of these: The weary and the weak.

And it would be a tragedy For me to turn away.

All my needs You have supplied, When I was dead You gave me life.

How could I not give it away so freely?

**I'll follow You into the homes of the broken, I'll follow You into the world.
I'll meet the needs for the poor and the needy, God, I'll follow You into the world.**

Use my hands, use my feet, To make Your kingdom come.

To the corners of the earth Until Your work is done.

'Cause faith without works is dead, And on the cross, Your blood was shed,

So how could we not give it away so freely?

**I'll follow You into the homes of the broken, I'll follow You into the world.
I'll meet the needs for the poor and the needy, God, I'll follow You into the world.**

And I give all myself, I give all myself, And I give all myself to You.

**I'll follow You into the homes of the broken, I'll follow You into the world.
I'll meet the needs for the poor and the needy, God, I'll follow You into the world.**

EPISTLE (LETTER) LESSON Colossians 3:12–16 (CEB)

Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people. The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

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

SERMON

"The Secret of Life"

Rev. Mitch Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

SONG TO SEND

**"Joy of the Lord" *Reprise*
Praise Team**

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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