



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship October 2, 2022 9:30am  
World Communion Sunday

***You Shall Go Out with Joy and Be Led Forth with Peace — Isaiah 55:12***

### Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Lord, I Need You”

Maher

ALL with Praise Team

**Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.  
And without you, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.**

**Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you.  
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Sue Trigger

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Video*

One: With love in our hearts and praise on our lips,  
we join with our siblings around the world to worship God.

\*SONG TO PRAISE

“Love the Lord”

Brewster

ALL with Praise Team

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength. (2x)  
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength;  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.**

**I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind,  
and with all my strength. (2x)**  
**With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength;  
I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind,  
and with all my strength.**

**I will love you (I will love you)  
I will praise you (I will praise you)  
I will serve you (I will serve you)  
I will trust you, Lord! (I will trust you...)**

**With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength;  
I will love you, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind,  
and with all my strength (2x)**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Hymn 853

**“We Are Marching in the Light of God”**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts — the spirit of power, love, and self-discipline — that with faith in Christ, we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

*From Lamentations 3:22–23*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**One: May the peace of Christ be with you.**

**All: And also with you and all others!**

SONG OF PEACE

*“Lord, I Need You” continued*

**Where sin runs deep, your grace is more. Where grace is found is where you are.  
And where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.  
Where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.**

**Lord, I need you, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need you.  
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need you.**

## Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

(CEB)

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

The prophet complains: Lord, how long will I call for help and you not listen? I cry out to you, “Violence!” but you don’t deliver us. Why do you show me injustice and look at anguish so that devastation and violence are before me? There is strife, and conflict abounds. The Instruction is ineffective. Justice does not endure because the wicked surround the righteous. Justice becomes warped.

I will take my post; I will position myself on the fortress. I will keep watch to see what the Lord says to me and how he will respond to my complaint.

The Lord responds:

Then the Lord answered me and said, Write a vision, and make it plain upon a tablet so that a runner can read it. There is still a vision for the appointed time; it testifies to the end; it does not deceive. If it delays, wait for it; for it is surely coming; it will not be late. Some people’s desires are truly audacious; they don’t do the right thing.

SONG TO REFLECT

“His Strength is Perfect”

Chapman

Carrie DeVries, soloist

I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength.

But sometimes I wonder what he can do through me.

No great success to show. No glory on my own.

Yet in my weakness he is there to let me know

His strength is perfect when our strength is gone.

He'll carry us when we can't carry on.

Raised in his power, the weak become strong.

His strength is perfect.

We can only know the power that he holds

when we truly see how deep our weakness goes.  
His strength in us begins when ours comes to an end.  
He hears our humble cry and proves again.

His strength is perfect when our strength is gone.  
He'll carry us when we can't carry on.  
Raised in His power, the weak become strong.  
His strength is perfect.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 17:5–10

(CEB)

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Would any of you say to your servant, who had just come in from the field after plowing or tending sheep, ‘Come! Sit down for dinner’? Wouldn’t you say instead, ‘Fix my dinner. Put on the clothes of a table servant and wait on me while I eat and drink. After that, you can eat and drink’? You won’t thank the servant because the servant did what you asked, will you? In the same way, when you have done everything required of you, you should say, ‘We servants deserve no special praise. We have only done our duty.’”

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

SERMON

“What is The Right Thing?”

Rev. Sue Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG FOR GIVING

“For Good”

by Stephen Schwartz

Performed by Kristin Chenoweth & Idina Menzel

*“Because I knew you, I have been changed for good.”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*(Individual bread and juice sets are available in the Concourse as you enter the Sanctuary. If you desire a gluten-free option, please see the Communion server at the Sanctuary entrance.)*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE "Come to the Table"

Sidewalk Prophets

Donna Goeckler, soloist

We all start on the outside the outside looking in  
This is where grace begins  
We were hungry we were thirsty with nothing left to give  
Oh the shape that we were in  
Just when all hope seemed lost~Love opened the door for us

(He said) come to the table

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed

Take your place beside the Savior

Sit down and be set free

(Come to the table)

Come meet this motley crew of misfits; these liars and these thieves  
There's no one unwelcome here so that sin and shame that you've brought with you-  
you can leave it at the door. And let mercy draw you near

(He said) come to the table

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed

Take your place beside the Savior

Sit down and be set free

(Come to the table)

To the thief and to the doubter~To the hero and the coward  
To the pris'ner and the soldier~To the young and to the older

All who hunger all who thirst~All the last and all the first  
All the paupers and the princes~All who've failed you've been forgiven  
All who dream and all who suffer~All who've loved and lost another  
All the chained and all the free~All who follow all who lead  
Anyone who's been let down~All the lost you have been found  
All who've been labeled right or wrong~To ev'ryone who hears this song

Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### Sending

#### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

ONE: May our benediction be our promise as we pray together.

**ALL: O God of Peace, we embrace your joy and go forth to connect with others  
in building a world where all can find compassion, peace, and justice.  
Amen.**

#### \*SONG TO SEND

*"Lord I Need You" continued*

**Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you.  
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need you.**

**So teach my song to rise to you when temptation comes my way.  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you. Jesus, you're my hope and stay.  
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**Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you.  
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need you.**

#### GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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