



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship July 24, 2022 9:30am
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering

PRELUDE

“Sonata in g minor, Mvt. 1”
Kat Mason, flute – Linda Dover, piano

J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebecca Prater

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Rev. Stephen Wing

One: Come all who are weary

All: of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division.

One: Come all who are heavy-laden

All: with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger.

One: Come all who have hope

All: for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom.

One: Come, and worship God.

*HYMN 465

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

죄짐맡은 우리구주

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the mirror we call scripture, Revealing God, we see ourselves for who we are and are not. We whine about those who are not doing what we think they should and ignore our failings. We speak words which nibble away at the life in our family and friends. We step over the poor on our way to get more and more, ignoring their needs.

Forgive us, Reconciling Love. Sit us down at Jesus' feet, so we may learn the balanced life you intend for us. Then, and only then, we can set aside our grudges, to offer our gifts to our neighbors; we can stop licking at our hurts, to bring healing to others; we can reach out and welcome our sisters and brothers, even as we have been welcomed into your heart through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: You are God's beloved. Peace be with you.

All: And also with you and all others!

Equipping

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:38–42 (*Common English Bible*)

Cheryl Johnson

While Jesus and his disciples were traveling, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his message. By contrast, Martha was preoccupied with getting everything ready for their meal. So Martha came to him and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to prepare the table all by myself? Tell her to help me." The Lord answered, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. One thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part. It won't be taken away from her."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Come Away”

by Ken Medema

Chancel Ensemble

*Come away for a little time apart, for the changing of the heart; come away.
Come away to a taste so bittersweet, where hope and heartache meet; come away.
Here is light to light the darkest maze, here is song to fill the pathless days.
Here is call among the crowded ways.
Bread of Life, wine of happiness and tears, faithfulness and fears,
this feast awaits you here; come away.*

SERMON

“The One Thing”

Rev. Stephen Wing

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

“Gift of Love”

arr. Alec Wyton
Linda Dover, piano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

*HYMN

“Martha Labored in the Kitchen”

NETTLETON

Martha Labored in the Kitchen

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2016
Luke 10:38-42

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1. Mar-tha la-bored in the kit-chen; there was much yet to be done!
2. Ma-ry sat and hum-bly lis-tened to their guest—her Friend and Lord.
3. God, we see in her dis-trac-tion—Mar-tha lost sight of her goal;
4. Were there days when Ma-ry la-bored, help-ing oth-ers, serv-ing well?

There was cook-ing, clean-ing, bak-ing—too much work for a - ny - one.
She just thought of Je-sus' teach-ing—not the need for bread and board.
In her grumb-ling and com-plain-ing, she for - got food for the soul.
Were there times when Mar-tha sa-vored sto-ries Je - sus loved to tell?

For the Lord had come to vi - sit; Je - sus sat there as her guest.
So when Mar-tha came com-plain-ing, seek-ing Ma-ry's help that day,
For there's al-ways some-thing press-ing—some-thing ur-gent we must do,
May we wor-ship, pray, and stu - dy; may we serve you well to - day!

So much work! She longed to share it, so the meal would be its best.
Je - sus turned to her ex - plain-ing, "Ma-ry chose the bet-ter way."
Yet for us there's al - so bless-ing in the time we spend with you.
All are need - ed for the jour - ney as we tra - vel Je-sus' way.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in G Major”
Linda Dover, organ

G.F. Handel
arr. Walter E. Buszin

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