



Service of Worship September 13, 2026 9:30am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship in the Park

SONG TO GATHER

Come Thou Fount

Words by
Robert Robinson

Music by
John Wyeth

VERSE

♩ = 80

E7 A E A D A E7

1. Come, Thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith - er by Thy help I'm
 3. O, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to

A E7 A E A D A E7 A

4 grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise: Teach me
 come; And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home: Je - sus
 be! Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to

A C#m D D/A A A C#m D A E7

9 some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the
 sought me when a stran - ger, wan d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my

A E A D A E7 A

13 mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, Lord, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

WELCOME

OPENING TO THE CREATIVE SPIRIT

"Let us Be Drawn In"

Choir/Band: In the world of the driven

People: Let us be drawn in

Let your love be a given

Let us be drawn in

To imagine, to dream, to create, to redeem

For the sake of the livin'

Let us be drawn in

Leader: Something grossly overlooked in the creative process is the place of effortlessness and play. In the story of creation, God rested. And this was very "good" as well! Staying too focused on deadlines and how every moment can be "productive" robs us of an important feature of what it means to be humans made in the image of God: rhythm. Pushing through is non-sustainable, and creativity suffers if we constantly labor. Celebration is necessary along the journey. God's creativity is ongoing, so while the story said God was "finished" and then rested, really it was simply a pause to reflect, to observe, and to celebrate, and then God continued God's creative work among us and with us.

[sung]

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Leader: Let us pray together:

Active and Restful God,

your heart is our heart, your rhythm is our rhythm.

Open us to the place of rest and celebration in the rhythm of our lives.

Draw us into delight.

Give us the courage to breathe deeply.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Sing Wherever I Go”

by We the Kingdom

All

Chorus

All my life
All I know
God's been good
Good to my soul
Mountain high
Valley low
I'm gonna sing wherever I go

Verse 2

He's my heartsong
In my sorrow
He's my hope and my strength for
tomorrow
When the storms rise
All around me
I will call on the name of the Lord

Verse 1

God is for me
He's not against me
I will hold to the plans He has for me
When I'm broken
He will fix me
I will call on the name of the Lord

Bridge

I got joy joy joy
Deep in my soul
I will sing sing sing
Wherever I go

AFFIRMING AND CONNECTING

Why can't we seem to keep up our creativity? Why do we get so burned out? Researcher and author, Brené Brown says, “It takes courage to say yes to rest and play in a culture where exhaustion is seen as a status symbol.” Sometimes expectations, especially the ones we put on ourselves, cause us to ignore when it is time to take a break.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us not only to do, but to be; not only to strive, but to rest. We confess that we are often driven by hurry, expectations, and the need to accomplish and prove ourselves. We fill every space with activity and struggle to trust that we are enough without earning it. Forgive us when we confuse productivity with purpose, busyness with faithfulness, and control with trust. Teach us to rest in your presence, to release what we cannot carry, to receive the grace you freely give, and to trust that the world does not depend on us. Draw us back to you, that in resting we may become more fully ourselves and more deeply connected to your love.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hear the Good News! God's love does not depend on your productivity. And your energy for the work of helping to serve the needs of the world is fed when you dare to give yourself what you need as well. You are beloved.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you and all others!

SONG OF PRAISE

Be Still My Soul

Words by
Katharina Amalia von Schlegel
Translated from German by
Jane Laurie Borthwick

Music by
Jean Sibelius

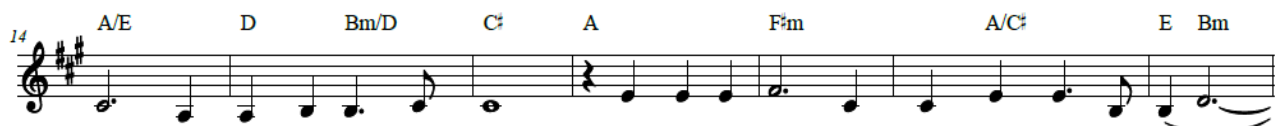
VERSE



1. Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side; Bear pa - tient - ly the
2. Be still, my soul! Thy God doth un - der - take to guide the fu - ture
3. Be still, my soul! When dear est friends de - part and all is dark - ened



cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro vide; In ev - 'ry
as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth ing - shake; All now mys -
in the vale of tears. Then shalt thou bet - ter know His love, His heart; Who comes to



change He faith - ful will re - main Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heav'n ly Friend
- te - rious shall be bright at last Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know
soothe thy sor - row and thy fears. Be still, my soul! Thy Je - sus can re pay



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
from His own full - ness all He takes a - way.

AN IMAGINATIVE WORD

“Take It In”

by Marcia McFee

It is time, time to take it in
take in the beauty, take in the wonder
take in the consequences, take in the meaning

it is time when work has worn us before it's torn us
before we quit it is time

take it in to our hearts, our lives, our longing
take it in and rock it, love it, let it go

all this making, creating, anticipating,
it is time, it takes time
so now is the time to rest

SONG TO REFLECT

“Breathe”

by Diaz, Wood and Smith

Praise Team

*Alarm clock screaming bare feet hit the floor
It's off to the races everybody out the door
I'm feeling like I'm falling behind; It's a crazy life*

*Ninety miles an hour going fast as I can
Trying to push a little harder
Trying to get the upper hand
So much to do in so little time; It's a crazy life*

*It's ready set go it's another wild day
When the stress is on the rise
In my heart I feel You say*

*Just breathe~ just breathe ~
Come and rest at My feet
And be ~just be ~
Chaos calls
But all you really need is to just breathe*

*Third cup of joe just to get me through the day
Want to make the most of time
But I feel it slip away
I wonder if there's something more
to this crazy life*

*I'm busy busy busy and it's no surprise to see
That I only have time for me me me
There's gotta be something more
to this crazy life*

*I'm hanging on tight to another wild day
When it starts to fall apart
In my heart I hear You say*

*Is to take it in fill your lungs
The peace of God that overcomes
Just breathe ~just breathe ~
Let your weary spirit rest
Lay down what's good and find what's best
Just breathe ~just breathe ~*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 20:8–11

Patrick O'Halloran

"Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Drawn In: Rest"

Rev. Karen Wright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"All the People Said Amen"

by Maher, Moak, & Morgan

Verse 1

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Verse 2

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all

Chorus

And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU



GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2026 Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

Baker/Reynolds Golf Scramble

Sunday, September 20, 1pm
Register at gcpc.org/scramble

Stewardship Town Hall and Brunch

Sunday, September 27
(Following worship)

*** RSVP by 9/20 at gcpc.org/eggs

Weekend Crafters Pajamas Craft Party

Friday, October 2, 6-9pm
RSVP at gcpc.org/pjs

~ WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY ~

Sunday, October 4, 9:30am
Invite friends, family and neighbors
to this special Communion Sunday

Heart of America CROP Walk

Sunday, October 11, 2pm

Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 17, 5:30–7:30pm

Generosity Sunday

Sunday, October 25, 9:30am

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25, 11:45am - 1:00pm
Hot dog lunch, games for all ages
and a costume parade

Blood Drive

Thursday, October 29, 1-5pm

Fauré's Requiem

Presented by the Chancel Choir,
Orchestra, and featuring members
of GCPC and the community
Sunday, November 1, 9:30am

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29

A Christmas Exclamation!

Sunday, December 6, 6pm

Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 24
5:30pm and 8pm

~ Please be mindful of the following deadlines for our communications publications ~

Grace Notes Weekly email newsletter - articles due to the church office by 10am, each Wednesday

Weekly church bulletin - articles due to the church office by Noon, each Wednesday

Grace Notes Monthly Newsletter - articles are due to the church office on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

Please respect the timelines needed to produce these publications. Thank you!

Details on these events and services are shared in the midweek email, bulletin, newsletter,
and Facebook and Instagram. For an online church calendar, visit gcpc.org/calendar