



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship September 26, 2021 9:30am  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in The Season of Peace  
Peace Through Advocacy

### Gathering

PRELUDE

“Adagio for Strings”  
Linda Dover, organist

by Samuel Barber  
arr. by William Strickland

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mitch Trigger

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;  
Jesus calls us to worship.  
Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;  
Jesus calls us to love.  
Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;  
Jesus calls us to justice.  
Let us heed the call of Christ.  
Let us worship together with joy.

HYMN

“Good News Is Ours to Tell”

FESTAL SONG

# 31

## Good News Is Ours to Tell!

1 Good news is ours to tell! Let  
2 Christ comes, the Prom - ised One, E -  
3 Since God so loved the world, That  
4 Pro - claim the gra - cious word: God

no one fail to hear! God gives us life; God  
ter - nal life to bring. Though judg - ment is our  
love we now must share. With all whose need is  
loves the whole wide earth— To lift, to save, to

con - quers death! What's left for us to fear?  
just re - ward, In - stead Christ makes us sing!  
as our own, Whose pain we now help bear.  
rec - on - cile, To grant es - sen - tial worth!

Jane Parker Huber, 1978  
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FESTAL SONG SM  
William H. Walter, 1894

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, as in the days of old, our nation is full with pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, yet, not willing to aid people struggling with hunger and poverty. You know the plight of women, children, and men who struggle with hunger in our nation and around the world. We know that your eyes are on the most vulnerable in our midst and your ears are open to their cry.

Make us to be instruments of your peace, to be a stronghold to the most affected in their distress. Help us to be near, and with the brokenhearted, and to share hope with the crushed in spirit. Let the treasure of our hearts be filled with an abundant love for our neighbors that reflects how much we love you.

As you did with the prophets of old, empower us with your Spirit to go through the halls of power, and call on the leaders of government to act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of greed and oppression those who have been robbed of the opportunity to flourish.

Do not quench in us the hunger for justice and righteousness until women and children around the world can have access to nutritious food and “hunger no more.”

In Christ’s name, we pray. 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!**

EPISTLE (Letter) LESSON The First Letter of John 3:16–18 (CEB)

Nancy Kalesz

This is how we know love: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. But if someone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but refuses to help—how can the love of God dwell in a person like that?

Little children, let’s not love with words or speech but with action and truth.

ANTHEM

\*“For Everyone Born”

arr. Tom Trenney

Chancel Singers I – Donna Heer, violin

Liz Chandler, Beth Lillian, Terri Monrad, Carol Syers, Sue Trigger, Connie Richards,  
Patrick O’Halloran, Darryl Prater, Tom Jennings, Joe Hoffman, & Bob Dover

*For ev’ryone born a place at the table, for ev’ryone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe space for growing, for ev’ryone born, a star overhead,*

***and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!***

*For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, dividing a system that’s fair, (Refrain)*

*For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)*

*For ev’ryone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for ev’ryone born, the right to be free,*

***and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!***

LESSON FROM PROVERBS

Proverbs 31:8–9

Speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable.  
Speak out in order to judge with righteousness and to defend the needy and the poor.

Holy wisdom, holy words,  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Shout It Out Loud”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Sending](#)

HYMN 772

“Live Into Hope”

TRURO

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Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16-20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”  
Linda Dover, organist

by Don Michael Dicie

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

*\*Today’s anthem, “For Everyone Born” arr. Tom Trenney, was anonymously donated to the Glory of God and in honor of Kirk & Donna Heer’s musical gifts. September 2021*

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