



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship May 9, 2021 10am  
6th Sunday of Easter

### Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Grace Flows Down”  
Praise Team

by Bell, Giglio, Pagett

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(One)*

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:  
Let our hearts be filled with joy!  
Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us God’s renewed song:  
Love one another!  
Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the song:  
No longer servants but friends!  
Let our worship make a joyful noise as we rejoice in the friendship of God.

SONGS TO PRAISE

“Your Grace Is Enough”  
“Here’s My Heart, Lord”  
Praise Team

by Tomlin  
by Tomlin, Ingram, Giglio

A TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER FOR DIVERSITY *(video)*

Loving God, you who are both mother and father to us, we thank you for your love. We thank you for Jesus who taught us of your all-encompassing

parental love; the love that waits with anxiety for us to return home; the love that also runs down the road to gather us in your arms; the love that searches until we are found; that loved us so much you sent us Jesus.

We thank you that we are your children, called by name, called even before we were formed in our mother's womb, called into your world-wide family, where there is such diversity, such individuality, such creativity, such beauty.

We ask that rejoicing in the diversity of humankind, we might always love as Jesus loved us; that we might always appreciate others of different faith and cultures, asking pardon for the times when we have failed your love.

God of all creation, we ask for your uniting Spirit to help us to overcome our divisions that we may live in peace. 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!**

### Equipping

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:34–47

(NRSV)

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been

poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?'

SONG TO REFLECT

“Who But Jesus”  
Praise Team

by Story

SERMON

“God’s Big Plan”

Rev. Sue Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG TO SEND

“All the People Said Amen”  
Praise Team

by Maher

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GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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