



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship October 9, 2022 9:30am
The First Sunday of the Season of Thanks Giving

Gathering

PRELUDE Linda Dover, organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mitch Trigger

INTROIT +“My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs” arr. Claude T. Smith
Charter Ringers transcribed for handbells by Linda Boatright
*My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We greet this day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad.

ALL: We come in hope and longing, in faith and thanksgiving.

ONE: In this season of thankfulness, we recognize God's loving presence.

ALL: We come to worship and praise, to pray and be renewed.

ONE: In our time together, we affirm the immensity of God's grace.

ALL: As we hear Your word, Lord, guide our hearts and direct our thoughts.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

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“Give Thanks, O Christian People”


Give Thanks, O Christian People 644




1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day
 2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years
 3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,
 4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship



who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way
 who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap - pears,
 who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:
 with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:



to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,
 to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal - tering feet,
 to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,
 to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,



to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.
 to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.
 to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.
 to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.

This text was written by a Presbyterian director of Christian education in Washington, DC, to honor the ministry of a colleague who was leaving the area. It is an effective reminder that God's people serve in many vocations and ministries. The tune adapts a secular German song.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF DISCIPLESHIP *(Together)*

We come this day with much to be grateful for, yet too often we only see what we do not have. Caring God, you hear our hopes, you see our fears; inspire us to turn our hearts to your way. Compassionate Lord, you know our desires and our setbacks; strengthen us to follow your example. Sustaining Spirit, bring us into your presence and fill us with your empowering love. Remind us that you are with us, now and evermore. 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

2 Kings 5:1–19 (CEB)

Naaman, a general for the king of Aram, was a great man and highly regarded by his master, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. This man was a mighty warrior, but he had a skin disease. Now Aramean raiding parties had gone out and captured a young girl from the land of Israel. She served Naaman's wife.

She said to her mistress, "I wish that my master could come before the prophet who lives in Samaria. He would cure him of his skin disease."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he ripped his clothes. He said, "What? Am I God to hand out death and life? But this king writes me, asking me to cure someone of his skin disease! You must realize that he wants to start a fight with me."

When Elisha the man of God heard that Israel's king had ripped his clothes, he sent word to the king: "Why did you rip your clothes? Let the man come to me. Then he'll know that there's a prophet in Israel."

Naaman arrived with his horses and chariots. He stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent out a messenger who said, "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored and become clean."

But Naaman went away in anger. He said, "I thought for sure that he'd come out, stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the bad spot, and cure the skin disease. Aren't the rivers

in Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than all Israel's waters? Couldn't I wash in them and get clean?" So he turned away and proceeded to leave in anger.

Naaman's servants came up to him and spoke to him: "Our father, if the prophet had told you to do something difficult, wouldn't you have done it? All he said to you was, 'Wash and become clean.'" So Naaman went down and bathed in the Jordan seven times, just as the man of God had said. His skin was restored like that of a young boy, and he became clean.

He returned to the man of God with all his attendants. He came and stood before Elisha, saying, "Now I know for certain that there's no God anywhere on earth except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant."

But Elisha said, "I swear by the life of the Lord I serve that I won't accept anything."

Naaman urged Elisha to accept something, but he still refused. Then Naaman said, "If not, then let me, your servant, have two mule loads of earth. Your servant will never again offer entirely burned offerings or sacrifices to any other gods except the Lord. But may the Lord forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master comes into Rimmon's temple to bow down there and is leaning on my arm, I must also bow down in Rimmon's temple. When I bow down in Rimmon's temple, may the Lord forgive your servant for doing that."

Elisha said to him, "Go in peace."

ANTHEM

"Grace"

Words Adapted from John Newton

Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

arr. Mark Hayes

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound; that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already safely come;

This grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home. I shall go home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the glorious sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 17:11–19 (CEB)

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Remember to Say Thank You"

Rev. Mitch Trigger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

Linda Dover, organist

Sending

*HYMN 634

"To God Be The Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

ADORATION

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To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

ADORATION

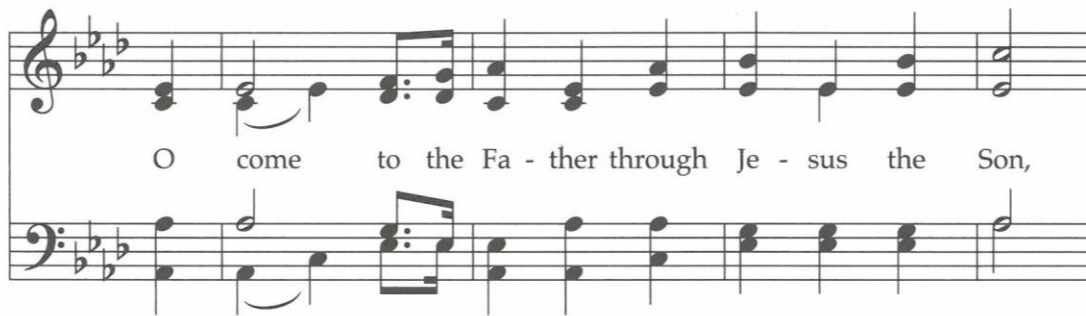
Refrain



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

***+Today's handbell piece, "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
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