



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship November 13, 2022 9:30am  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Thanksgiving

### Gathering

SONG TO GATHER "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" as recorded by  
Praise Team/All Sovereign Grace Music

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face.

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

**Turn your eyes to the hillside where justice and mercy embrace.**

**There the Son of God gave his life for us, and our measureless debt was erased.**

**Jesus, to you we lift our eyes. Jesus, our glory and our prize.**

**We adore you, behold you, our Savior ever true. O Jesus, we turn our eyes to you.**

WELCOME Rev. Sue Trigger

ENTER TO WORSHIP +“Medley for Thanksgiving” arr. Sondra Tucker  
Charter Ringers  
Chris Krug & Celia Nicholas, co-directors

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all you who are struggling.

Come, all you who are crippled by pain and suffering.

**ALL: Come to worship a God who heals our pain.**

One: Come to worship a God who gives forgiveness.

**ALL: Let us worship God, who sets us free and gives us new life!**

\*SONG TO PRAISE “His Mercy Is More” by Matt Papa & Matt Boswell  
Praise Team/All

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

**What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.**

**What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.**

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. (2x)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.  
Our sins they are many; his mercy is more.

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. (2x)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Celebration! Chimes – Pam Kelly, director

Lara Schesser, assistant director – Angela Krug, accompanist

*Ringers:* Xander Circo, Melo Golston, Nini Golston, Mallory Hearn, Cate Hussey,  
Liam Hussey, Morgan Krug, Conor Schesser, James Schmidt, and Max Soule

*Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.*

*All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.*

*God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.*

*Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**O God, still creating, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace,  
and we are skeptical. We expect things to go on the same as they always have,  
from bad to worse. The past will keep us guilty; the future will make us afraid,  
and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do.**

**Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us,  
and our pessimism about tomorrow. Do a new thing in our hearts,  
and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care;  
through Christ we pray. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you and all others!**

#### SONG OF THANKSGIVING      “His Mercy Is More” *chorus*

All

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev’ry morn.  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more. (2x)**

### Equipping

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 65:17–25 (CEB)

Jami Howe

Look! I’m creating a new heaven and a new earth:  
past events won’t be remembered; they won’t come to mind.  
Be glad and rejoice forever in what I’m creating,  
because I’m creating Jerusalem as a joy and her people as a source of gladness.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad about my people.  
No one will ever hear the sound of weeping or crying in it again.  
No more will babies live only a few days, or the old fail to live out their days.  
The one who dies at a hundred will be like a young person,  
and the one falling short of a hundred will seem cursed.  
They will build houses and live in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They won’t build for others to live in, nor plant for others to eat.  
Like the days of a tree will be the days of my people;  
my chosen will make full use of their handiwork.  
They won’t labor in vain, nor bear children to a world of horrors,  
because they will be people blessed by the Lord, they along with their descendants.  
Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear.  
Wolf and lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox,  
but the snake—its food will be dust.  
They won’t hurt or destroy at any place on my holy mountain, says the Lord.

SONG TO REFLECT

“There Was Jesus”

by Zach Williams

Praise Team

*Ev’ry time I tried to make it on my own, ev’ry time I tried to stand and start to fall,  
And all those lonely roads that I have travelled on, there was Jesus.  
When the life I build came crashing to the ground. When the friends I had were nowhere to be found,  
I couldn’t see it then, but I can see it now, there was Jesus.*

*In the waiting, in the searching, in the healing and the hurting,  
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces.  
Ev’ry minute, ev’ry moment of where I’ve been and where I’m going,  
even when I didn’t know it or couldn’t see it, there was Jesus.*

*For this man who needs amazing kind of grace, for forgiveness at a price I couldn’t pay  
I’m not perfect, so I thank God ev’ry day there was Jesus.*

*In the waiting, in the searching, in the healing and the hurting,  
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces.  
Ev’ry minute, ev’ry moment of where I’ve been and where I’m going,  
even when I didn’t know it or couldn’t see it.*

*There was Jesus on the mountain, in the valleys. There was Jesus in the shadows of the alleys.  
There was Jesus in the fire, in the flood. There was Jesus always is and always was.  
No, I never walk alone. You are always there.*

*In the waiting, in the searching, in the healing and the hurting,  
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces.  
Ev’ry minute, ev’ry moment of where I’ve been and where I’m going,  
even when I didn’t know it or couldn’t see it, there was Jesus.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:19 (CEB)

Look! I’m doing a new thing;  
now it sprouts up; don’t you recognize it?  
I’m making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Here We Go Again”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG FOR GIVING

“Change My Heart, Oh God”

by Espinosa

**All**

**Change my heart, Oh God. Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, Oh God. May I be like You.**

**You are the potter. I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.  
Change my heart, Oh, God. Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, Oh God. May I be like You.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Sending

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*SONG TO SEND "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" as recorded by  
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**Turn your eyes to the morning and see Christ the lion awake.  
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone, for we carry His life in our veins.**

**Turn your eyes to the heavens; our King will return for His own.  
Ev'ry knee will bow, ev'ry tongue will shout, "All glory to Jesus alone!"**

**Jesus, to You we lift our eyes. Jesus, our glory and our prize.  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true. O Jesus, we turn our eyes to You. (2x)**

## GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

***+Today's handbell piece, "Medley for Thanksgiving"  
arr. Sondra Tucker, was donated by Lynn Long  
in memory of her father, James McCartney.  
(June 24, 1930 – November 23, 2021)***

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