



GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship November 9, 2025 9:30am
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Holy Spirit”
All

by Bryan & Katie Torwalt

Holy Spirit

(based on the recording by Bryan & Katie Torwalt)

Words and Music by
Bryan Torwalt and Katie Torwalt

♩ = 72 D5 Gmaj7

1. There's noth - ing worth more that will ev - er come close. No thing can com - pare;

8 You're our liv - ing hope. Your Pres - ence. 2. I've tast - ed and seen

14 of the sweet - est of loves, where my heart be - comes free and my shame is un - done,

18 in Your Pres - ence, Lord. Ho - ly Spir - it, You are wel - come here; Come

23 flood this place and fill the at - mos - phere; Your glo - ry, God, is what our hearts long for, to be o - ver - come by Your

34 Pres - ence, Lord. Your Pres - ence, Lord. Your Pres - ence, oh God,

40 how we love Your Pres - ence, Lord.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: In a world filled with uncertainty and fear, we come to remember what is true.

ALL: Our Redeemer lives!

ONE: When the powers of this world seem strong and truth feels hard to find—

People: God strengthens us in every good word and work.

ONE: Let us stand firm in faith, holding fast to the hope of the gospel.

People: We will worship the God who calls us, redeems us, and sustains us forever.

SONG TO PRAISE

“Christ our Hope in Life & Death”

as recorded by
Keith & Kristyn Getty

All

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

(based on the recording by Keith & Kristyn Getty)

Words and Music by
Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kaufflin,
and Matthew Merker, Matt Papa

INTRO

VERSE 1 & 2



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a -
(2. What truth can) calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is



lone. What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to Him be-long. Who holds our
good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood. Who holds our



days with-in His hand? What comes, a-part from His com-mand? And what will keep us to the
faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-bove the storm-y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us



end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. O sing ha-le-lu-jah! Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O
nigh un-to the shore, the rock of



sing ha-le-lu-jah! Now and ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.



A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. Our Nursery welcomes young children and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing. Worship bags are available for children who stay in worship.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Emily Nelson Dixon

God calls us to stand firm in faith, but so often we are shaken by fear, distracted by false promises, and slow to trust the truth of God's love. Let us come before God with open hearts, confessing our sin and seeking the mercy that makes us whole.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeeming God, You have called us to stand firm in faith, but we confess how easily we are unsettled by the troubles of this world. We are anxious when the future feels uncertain. We cling to control when you ask us to trust. We grow weary waiting for your justice and forget that your redemption is already at work. Forgive us, O God. Remind us that you are our living Redeemer — that your love endures beyond every doubt and every grave. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may live as steadfast witnesses to your truth and grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Though we waver, God's faithfulness never fails. Though we lose heart, Christ holds us fast. As Job declared, *"I know that my Redeemer lives,"* and Paul assures us that we are chosen, beloved, and sanctified by the Spirit. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free to stand firm in faith.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you and all others!

*SONG OF PEACE

**"Above All"
All**

by LeBlanc & Baloché

Above All

Words and Music by
Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche

$\text{♩} = 62$

1. A bove all pow - ers, a - bove all kings, a - bove all na - ture and all cre - a - ted things; A - bove all wis - dom and all the ways of man, You were here be - fore the world be - gan.

2. A bove all king - doms, a - bove all thrones, a - bove all won - ders the world has ev - er known; A - bove all wealth and treas - ures of the earth, there's no way to meas - ure what You're worth.

Cru - ci - fied, laid be - hind the stone; You lived to die, re - ject - ed and a - lone; Like a rose, tram - pled on the ground, You took the fall, and thought of me, a - bove all.

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Job 19:23–27a (NRSVue)

Gay Lee Ludwig-Bonney

“O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

SONG TO REFLECT

“Because of Jesus”

as recorded by Charity Gayle

Praise Team

*You made a covenant with me, signed by the blood that still speaks.
Now I'm forgiven, I'm called righteous, I'm made clean.
There on the cross at Calvary, You gave it all to purchase me.
You are the savior and the God who set me free.
Now my heart cries, "This is my Redeemer. With my whole life, I will give You praise.
All the glory to the One who's worthy. Because of Jesus, I have been changed.
You made a way for me to enter into Your holy place forever.
And now I'm hidden, I am covered, I found peace.
Into Your likeness, You transform me, making me holy like You're holy.
No longer I who live but Christ who lives in me.
Now my heart cries, "This is my Redeemer. With my whole life, I will give You praise.
All the glory to the One who's worthy. Because of Jesus, I have been changed.
You bring freedom to the captives, good news to the poor,
Healing to the broken and joy to those who mourn.
You turn ashes into beauty, the ruins, You restore.
I am a testimony of the goodness of the Lord.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17 (NRSVue)

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Skipping to the End”

[Rev.](#)Karen Wright

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

SONG FOR GIVING

“Rising Sun”
All

by Jordan, Leonard, Lee & Mabury

Rising Sun

Words and Music by
Leslie Jordan, David Leonard,
Kyle Lee and Paul Mabury

♩ = 76



1. Praise Him, all you sin - ners;



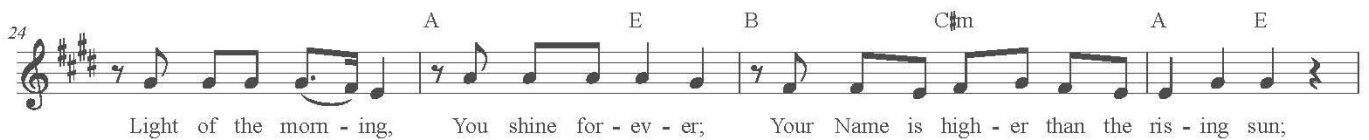
Sing, oh sing, you wear - y; Oh, praise Him all you chil - dren of God. 2. We lift high His



glo - ry shown through - out our sto - ries; We praise Him as the chil - dren of God.



Our great Re - deem - er, glo - ri - ous Sav - ior, Your Name is high - er than the ris - ing sun;



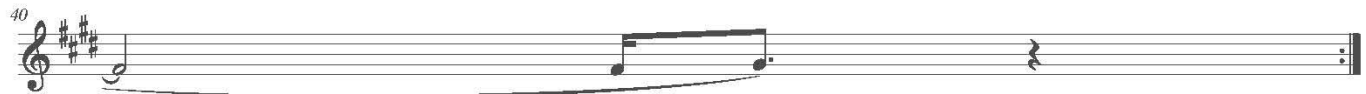
Light of the morn - ing, You shine for - ev - er; Your Name is high - er than the ris - ing sun;



Your Name is high - er than the ris - ing sun.



3. Praise His Name for - ev - er; Speak it loud and clear now; Oh, praise Him, all you chil - dren of God.



Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SONG TO SEND

“I Stand Amazed”
All

by Brad Henderson

I Stand Amazed In The Presence

Original Words and Music by
Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

(based on the recording by Brad Henderson)

Add'l. Words and Music by
Brad Henderson

♩ = 48



1. I stand a - mazed in the pres - ence of Je - sus,
2. He took my sins and my sor - rows a - way. He



Je - sus, the Naz - a - rene. I won - der how He could love me at all, a sin - ner, con - demned, un -
made them His ver - y own. He bore my bur - dens to Cal - v'ry that day and suf - fered and died a -



clean. O - ver and o - ver my tongue will pro - claim the prais - es of my King.
lone.



O - ver and o - ver my heart sings the song, the song of the re - deemed! How mar - vel - ous! How won - der - ful!



This my song will ev - er be! How mar - vel - ous! How won - der - ful is my Sav - ior's love for



me.

**Stand in body or spirit*

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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