



## GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship November 3, 2024 9:30am  
All Saints Sunday

### Gathering

*The prelude, the first act of worship, sets the tone for what is to follow.  
So, we invite you as worshipers to gather, to transition from your busy lives  
into a sacred place of communion with God and with each other. – Dr. Kimo Smith, adapted*

PRELUDE “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” arr. Michael Burkhardt  
Linda Dover, organist  
*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

*In worship following reflective music, we are requesting a response of quiet or a  
contemplative “amen.” Any music that elicits a response of applause is to the glory of God.*

WELCOME Rev. Karen Wright

\*INTROIT “God Is So Good” GOD IS SO GOOD  
**God is so good; God is so good;  
God is so good; God’s so good to me.**

SHARING OUR SONG “Thank You, God” by IsaBeall Hudson  
Joy! Singers (4s-1<sup>st</sup> grade)  
Emily Hussey & Hilary Schmidt, co-directors  
Margo Armbrrecht, Drake Cabe, Rowan Cabe, Gilbert Dixon, Brody Frye, Henry Frye,  
Sophia Hearn, Abigail Schmidt, Wyatt Schendel, Bristol Sellers, & Zoey Wetzig

*When I talk to God each day, and I don’t know what to say,  
these are words that I can pray: “Thank you, God!”  
For the colors of the falling leaves, food and friends and family,  
things to learn and songs to sing, “Thank you, God!”  
When I talk to God each day, and I don’t know what to say,  
these are words that I can pray: “Thank you, God! Thank you, God!”*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

**ALL: We come to be your people, O God.**

ONE: Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

**ALL: We come to be your people, O God.**

ONE: Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

**ALL: We come to be your people, O God.**

ONE: Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and

**ALL: We come to be your people, O God. May we truly become your people today.**

\*HYMN 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

## 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our  
thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

SHARING OUR SONG “Praise the Lord, Body, Mind, and Soul” Traditional Shaker Tune

Celebration! Choir – Pam Kelly, director Text & arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

Katie Hearn, co-director & Angela Krug, accompanist

Eloise Dixon, alto glockenspiel ~ Kamden Frye & James Schmidt, alto xylophones

Eloise Armbrecht, Eloise Dixon, Abel Frye, Kamden Frye, Charlotte Hearn, Mallory Hearn,  
Nathan Hearn, Aidan Hussey, Liam Hussey, Brynnley Krug, Evie Schmidt, James Schmidt,  
Magnolia Sellers, Max Soule, Grant Stromberg, Lucas Wright, & Sarah Wright

*Praise the Lord with your voices, praise the Lord with a song.*

*Praise the Lord with you whole heart, body, mind, and soul.*

*It is God who has made us to sing and pray, to walk with Jesus day by day.*

*O Lord, you know my ev'ry need. You call me to serve you in word and in deed,  
to love, serve, to follow, and obey, to walk with Jesus day by day. (Repeat)*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, to walk with Jesus day by day. Praise the Lord!*

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

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints on earth and in heaven. Knowing our brokenness, let us ask God for both mercy and forgiveness.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow so that, living with courage and love, we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ, and reign with him forever. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

You are no longer strangers but are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. We have been built upon the cornerstone of Jesus Christ and we are the holy temple of the Lord. We are the dwelling place for God.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

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

\*HYMN 699

**"Fill My Cup"**  
Rev. Karen Wright, djembe

FILL MY CUP

# 699

# Fill My Cup

Refrain

Chords: C, F, C, G, C, Am, Caug

Fill my cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my  
 cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my cup; let it

The refrain of this gospel song by a well-known Presbyterian pastor and musician can be understood as a meditation on Psalm 23:5, while the stanzas reflect an updated and easily accessible interpretation of the prayer often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (see no. 753).

TEXT and MUSIC: Isaiah Jones Jr., 1969  
 Text and Music © 1970 Davike Music Company, assigned 1986 Fricout Music Company

FILL MY CUP  
 8.7.8.7 with refrain

Chords: Fmaj7, Em7, Dm7, F, C

o - ver - flow; let it o - ver - flow with love.

*Fine*

Chord: C

1 Lord, let me be your in - stru - ment, spread - ing  
 2 It's my de - sire to live for you and to

Chords: F, C, G, Em7

sun - shine in the land; let peo - ple see your  
 al - ways walk up - right; give me the strength to

Chords: Am7, Dm7, G2 to Refrain

works in me; help me live the best I can.  
 face each day; stay with me through each dark night.

## Equipping

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 7:7–10 (NRSVue)

Sarah Evans

It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples. It was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know, therefore, that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, and who repays in their own person those who reject him. He does not delay but repays in their own person those who reject him.

### ANTHEM

+“I Am Not My Own”

Music by Craig Courtney

Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

Lyrics by Susan Bentall Boersma

Charles Graves, trumpet

*I am not my own, I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.*

*I am not my own, I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. I am not my own.*

*I am not my own, I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.*

*His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free. I am not my own.*

*For my salvation all things work together, in eternal life he gives me hope.*

*By the power of his Holy Spirit, I will live for him.*

*I am not my own, I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*I belong to him, I belong to him, in life, in death, my only comfort, I belong to him,*

*I will live for him forever and ever, forever and ever, for ever more.*

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1–21 (NRSVue)

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through

faith in him. I pray, therefore, that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Generosity Through the Generations:  
God’s Faithfulness Continues”

Rev. Karen Wright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & RECOGNITION OF THE SAINTS

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Ryan & Emily Hussey  
Kim Krueger

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”  
Linda Dover, organist

by Ignaz J. Pleyel  
(1757-1831)

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving 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.**

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup – *partake of the bread first and then drink as instructed.*



Music During Communion  
Prayer After Communion

“Carillon du Soir”

by John H. Duddy

## Sending

\*HYMN 326 (*st. 1-3 & 5*)

“For All the Saints”

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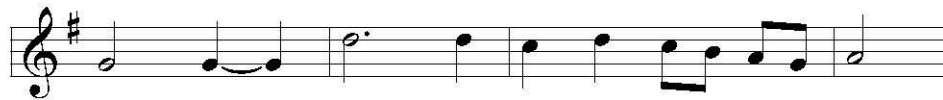
## For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet  
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,




Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

THE CHURCH

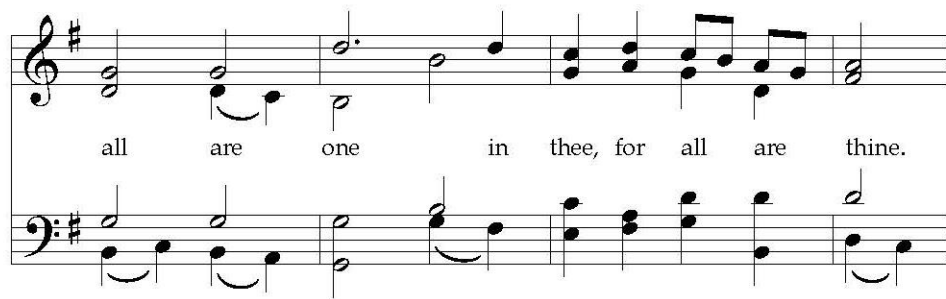
Harmony, stanza 3



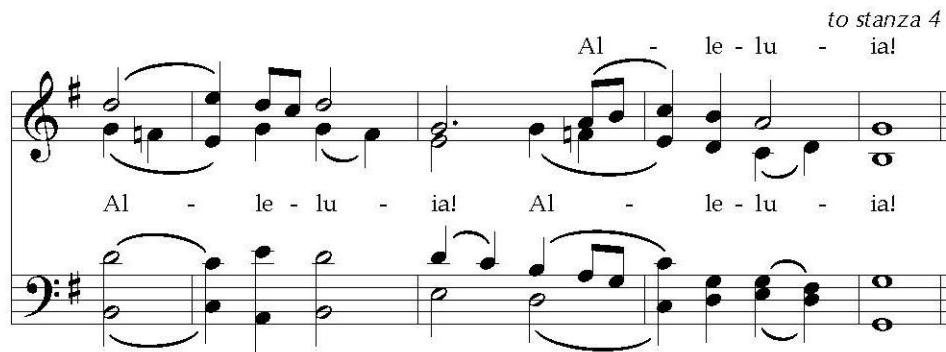
3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet



all are one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*to stanza 4*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Karen Wright

POSTLUDE

“Air”  
from the WATER MUSIC  
Charles Graves, trumpet ~ Linda Dover, organist

by G. F. Handel  
arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace  
and John H. Head

*\*Stand in body or spirit*

+Today's anthem, "I Am Not My Own" by Craig Courtney  
was donated by Barbara Douglas in memory of  
her husband, Brad Douglas.

## GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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