



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship March 26, 2023 9:30am  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

### Gathering

PRELUDE "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" Op. 21 by Paul Manz  
Linda Dover, organist

*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. Mitch Trigger

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We gather to rejoice in the Holy One.

**ALL: Revive us, O God, make us alive in Christ!**

ONE: We assemble as people called to community by and with the Redeemer.

**ALL: Restore us, O God, make us alive in Christ!**

ONE: We come open to the possibilities made new by the Creator.

**ALL: Revive us, O God, make us alive in Christ!**

\*HYMN 270 "O Lord, You Are My God and King" JERUSALEM

# O Lord, You Are My God and King 270

(Psalm 145)



1 O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will  
 2 How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of com-  
 3 Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your



ev - er bless your name; I will ex - tol you ev - ery day, and  
 pas - sion, mer - ci - ful, your an - ger al - ways slow to rise; your  
 might - y acts will show, till all the peo - ples of the earth your



ev - er - more your praise pro - claim. You, Lord, are great - ly  
 stead - fast love you show to all, for you are good in  
 king - dom, pow - er, glo - ry know. E - ter - nal is your



to be praised; your great-ness is be - yond our thought; all  
 all your ways; your crea - tures know your con - stant care. To  
 king - dom, Lord, for - ev - er strong, for - ev - er sure; while



gen - er - a - tions shall tell forth the might - y won - ders you have wrought.  
 all your works your love ex - tends; all souls your ten - der mer - cies share.  
 gen - er - a - tions rise and die, your high do - min - ion will en - dure.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Although this paraphrase of Psalm 145 is abbreviated (the original psalm has a verse for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet), it maintains the tone of praise that characterizes the final six psalms. In fact, the whole book takes its Hebrew name, *Tehillim* (praises), from them.

## 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.)*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Gracious God, as followers of the way of Jesus Christ,  
we are called to be people shaped by his ethical and selfless life —  
one that is so much at odds with accepted lifestyles of today.  
We confess how easy it is to be drawn into these worldly lifestyles  
and we need your constant help to make our behavior consistent with yours.  
Forgive us when our words have been less than truthful.  
Forgive us for using anger to manipulate and to control.  
Forgive us when our actions have lacked total integrity.  
Forgive us when our words have been thoughtless and offhand.  
Renew us with your Spirit  
so that our words and actions bring you pleasure and not pain.  
Fall afresh on us, O Holy Spirit, and make our lives true reflections of Jesus' life,  
so that we live, love, and forgive as graciously and compassionately  
as he did. 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!**

\*HYMN 607

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Equipping

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 37:1–8 (CEB)

Anne Stroud

Don't get upset over evildoers; don't be jealous of those who do wrong, because they will fade fast, like grass; they will wither like green vegetables. Trust the Lord and do good; live in the land, and farm faithfulness. Enjoy the Lord, and he will give what your heart asks. Commit your way to the Lord! Trust him! He will act and will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like high noon. Be still before the Lord, and wait for him. Don't get upset when someone gets ahead — someone who invents evil schemes. Let go of anger and leave rage behind! Don't get upset — it will only lead to evil.

## ANTHEM

+“Jesus Paid It All”

Music by Marianne Forman

Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

Lyrics by Elvina Hall

*I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small, child of weakness,  
watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.”  
(Refrain) Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; Jesus paid it all;  
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow, Jesus paid it all.  
  
For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. (Refrain)  
  
And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat!  
(Refrain) Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; Jesus paid it all;  
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow, Jesus paid it all.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:1–2, 8–11 (CEB)

Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. Think about the things above and not things on earth. Now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language. Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it. In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

“Get Over It”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

arr. Kaye George

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Linda Dover, organist

Sending

\*HYMN 769

“For Everyone Born”

FOR EVERYONE BORN

*Stanza 1 Choir ... Stanza 2 Low Voices ... Stanza 3 High Voices*  
*Stanzas 4 & 5 All*

# 769

## For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and  
joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,  
God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,  
jus-tice and joy!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

by Matthew McConnell

*“Postlude on The Glory of These Forty Days”*

Linda Dover, organist

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

***+The anthem, “Jesus Paid It All” by Marianne Forman, was donated by Celia & Mike Nicholas in honor of our Director of Music Ministries, Rebecca Prater.***

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