



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship February 28, 2021 10:00am 2nd Sunday In Lent

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER "Lord I Need You" by Maher

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR SONG "I Love You, God" by Sandy Wilkinson

Joy! — Emily Hussey, director

*Charlotte Hearn, Mallory Hearn, Aiden Hussey, Liam Hussey,
Brynnley Krug, Evie Schmidt, James Schmidt, and Max Soule*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(together)*

Through all the stresses of life, we come. We are tired and need your healing love.

Holy God, your love has called us here, for by your love we were made for love;

we bear your living likeness, though marred, dishonored, and disobeyed.

We come, with all our heart and mind, your call to hear, your love to find.

SONGS TO PRAISE "Raise a Halleluia" by Helser, Skaggs, Stevens

"Called Me Higher" by All Sons & Daughters

A TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER FOR LENT *(video)*

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!

SHARING OUR SONG

“I Am Never Alone”

by Cindy Berry

Celebration! — Pam Kelly, director

Conor Schesser, Caitlyn Hussey, & Morgan Krug — soloists

Ethan Stromberg, Harrison Stromberg, and Xander Circo

Equipping

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:31–38

(NRSV)

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

SONG TO REFLECT

“All Things New”

by Big Daddy Weave

Praise Team

I've heard you can take what's broken and make it whole again
Well, here's the pieces of my heart, what can you do with them?

'Cause I can't hold them all together anymore
So I let them fall surrendered to the floor

You make all things new

God of mercy and love

Do what only you can do and make all things new

Only you can bring such beauty from the depths of all my pain
Only you can take this shattered heart and make it beat again

Oh, you hold us all together in Your hands
I surrender all I have and all I am

You make all things new...

From the ashes, from the dust I will rise up, rise up
Out of darkness into the light I will rise up, rise up

You make all things new

God of mercy and love

Do what only You can do and make all things

All things, you make all things new

EPISTLE (LETTER) LESSON

Romans 4:13–25

(CEB)

The promise to Abraham and to his descendants, that he would inherit the world, didn't come through the Law but through the righteousness that comes from faith. If they inherit because of the Law, then faith has no effect and the promise has been canceled. The Law brings about wrath. But when there isn't any law, there isn't any violation of the law. That's why the inheritance comes through faith, so that it will be on the basis of God's grace. In that way, the promise is secure for all of Abraham's descendants, not just for those who are related by Law but also for those who are related by the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us. As it is written: *I have appointed you to be the father of many nations.* So Abraham is our father in the eyes of God in whom he had faith, the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that don't exist into existence. When it was beyond hope, he had faith in the hope that he would become the father of many nations, in keeping with the promise God spoke to him: *That's how many descendants you will have.* Without losing faith, Abraham, who was nearly 100 years old, took into account his own body, which was as good as dead, and Sarah's womb, which was dead. He didn't hesitate with a lack of faith in God's promise, but he grew strong in faith and gave glory to God. He was fully convinced that God was able to do what he promised. Therefore, it was credited to him as righteousness. But the scripture that says *it was credited to him* wasn't written only for Abraham's sake. It was written also for our sake, because it is going to be credited to us too. It will be credited to those of us who have faith in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was handed over because of our mistakes, and he was raised to meet the requirements of righteousness for us.

SERMON

"Faith and a Pandemic"

Rev. Sue Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG TO PRAY

"All the People Said, 'Amen!'"

by Maher

Praise Team

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

SONG TO SEND

"All the People Said, 'Amen!'"

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU