



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship October 24, 2021 9:30am
The Third Sunday of the Season of Thanks Giving

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Word of God Speak”

by MercyMe

Praise Team

I'm finding myself at a loss for words, And the funny thing is it's okay.
The last thing I need is to be heard — But to hear what You would say.

**Word of God speak, Would You pour down like rain. Washing my eyes to see Your majesty.
To be still and know that You're in this place, please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.**

Word of God speak

I'm finding myself in the midst of You — Beyond the music, beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You, And in the quiet hear Your voice

**Word of God speak, Would You pour down like rain. Washing my eyes to see Your majesty.
To be still and know that You're in this place, please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.**

Word of God speak — Word of God speak ...

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Sue Trigger

CALL TO WORSHIP *(video)*

Lord, thank you for walking with us through the seasons of our lives.
For the winter, when we are held safe in your arms through the darkness.

For the hope of spring, as we are filled with new promise and life.

For summertime, full of warmth and color

And for autumn days as leaves fall to seed new growth.

You are always with us. Amen.

SONG TO PRAISE

“Great Are You Lord”

by All Sons and Daughters

Praise Team

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness

You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken.

And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise, We pour out our praise

It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness

You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken.

Great are You, Lord

Refrain

And all the earth will shout Your praise; Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing

Great are You, Lord

Refrain

Great are You, Lord — Great are You, Lord — Great are You, Lord

PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN’S BIBLES

Third Grade — Ethan Stromberg, Harrison Stromberg

Fourth Grade — Xander Circo, Caitlin Hussey

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the living, with all your creatures great and small we sing your bounty and your goodness, for in the harvest of land and ocean, in the cycles of the seasons, and the wonders of each creature, you reveal your generosity.

Teach us the gratitude that dispels envy, that we may honor each gift as you cherish your creation, and praise you in all times and places.

That we may offer to you our worship and praise along with the work of our hands, minds and hearts:

That we may strive for the well-being of all creation:

That in the pleasures and pains of life,
we may know the love of Christ and be thankful:

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit,
in communion with all your holy ones,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:

That we may always and everywhere give thanks to you, O God,
for all of our blessings and giftedness:

we pray in gratitude to You, O Lord. Amen.

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!

CHARTER RINGERS "Let Everything That Breathes Praise the Lord" (Psalm 150)

by Cathy Moglebust

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Equipping

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:15–17 (*video*)

The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

APOCHRYPHA LESSON

2 Esdras 1:33–37

Cheryl Johnson

The almighty Lord says this: Your house is left empty. I will scatter you as the wind scatters straw. Your children will have no children, because they have neglected my commandment, and have done evil in front of me. I will hand over your houses to a people who will come from far away. Those who didn't know me will believe me, and those to whom I showed no signs will do what I commanded. They didn't see prophets but are mindful of the prophets' antiquity. The apostles will joyfully testify to the coming people. Those who didn't see me with their physical eyes believe in their spirit. They have heard the things I said and believe me.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

Thanks be to God!

SONG TO REFLECT

"Less Like Me"

by Zach Williams

Oh, I have days I lose the fight — Try my best but just don't get it right

Where I talk a talk that I don't walk — And miss the moments right before my eyes

Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped — Somebody with a hand that I could have held

When I just can't see past myself — Lord, help me be

A little more like mercy, a little more like grace

A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith

A little more like patience, a little more like peace

A little more like Jesus, a little less like me

Yeah, there's no denying I have changed — 'Cause I've been saved from who I used to be
But even at my best, I must confess — I still need help to see the way You see
*Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped — Somebody with a hand that I could have held
When I just can't see past myself — Lord, help me be*

Refrain

Oh, I wanna feed the beggar on the street — Learn to be Your hands and feet
Freely give what I receive — Lord, help me be
I want put You first above all else — Love my neighbor as myself
In the moments no one sees — Lord, help me be
(One, two, three)

Refrain

A little more of living everything I preach — A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

SERMON

“A = Appreciation”

Rev. Sue Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

SONG TO SEND

“Less Like Me” (reprise)

by Zach Williams

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A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith
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A little more like Jesus, a little less like me**

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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