



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

August 15, 2021
11:00am
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

Surely the presence
Chris Colón, piano

Lanny Wolfe

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 43

Christopher Dennis, liturgist

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you;**

When you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

*HYMN #463, stanzas 1-4

How Firm a Foundation

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, thy gold to refine**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is our light and salvation; whom shall we fear? With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Ever faithful God, we celebrate the new life which you offer us. We have experienced broken lives made whole, old wounds of alienation healed over, and tired spirits rejuvenated with new vision. Gracious God, we are grateful for the purpose and possibilities you have placed before us. Yet, we confess, there are times when doubt has overcome hope, cynicism has replaced dedication, the world's values have captured us more than yours. Forgive us those times, we pray. Help us let go of the past that we might move joyfully into a new future that points to your love and justice for all people. When the storms of life threaten to overwhelm us, give us strength for the living of these days. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Sisters and brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me – put into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4: 8-9)

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS To God Be the Glory Hymn #634

To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory; great things he has done!

We Share God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4: 35-41

SERMON

"Surviving the Storms"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

SPECIAL MUSIC

It Is Well With My Soul
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

arr. Craig Courtney

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and re-newer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying,

"Come, Lord Jesus!"

OFFERING

Offertory

To Him who sits on the throne
Chris Colón, piano

Debbye Graafsma/arr. Colón

***Doxology No. 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR 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

We Go Forth As God's People

***HYMN #8, stanzas 1,2,4**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them where-so-e'er they go; thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

May the Love of the Lord

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May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.

May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.

May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

POSTLUDE

Eagle's Wings
Chris Colón, piano

Michael Joncas

***You are invited to stand.**

Worship Leadership Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Christopher Dennis, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director and Soloist Chris Colon, piano Ron Skinner, audio and video
Ushers: Pam Gares, Paul Gares, Ruth Hines, Joanne Lang Worship Ministry Team Chair, Joanne Lang