



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

July 17, 2022
11:00 AM
Sixth 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

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

PRELUDE

My Faith, It Is An Oaken Staff

Edward Broughton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 9, selected verses

Tom Doumaux, liturgist

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

When my enemies turned back, they stumbled and perished before you. For you have maintained my just cause. You have rebuked the nations, you have destroyed the wicked.

The Lord is the stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

*HYMN #275, stanzas 1-3

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us speak the truth about ourselves to your neighbors and to God, acknowledging what we have done and what we have left undone.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired retribution, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us, guide us, challenge us, shape us through the power of your Holy Spirit. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The psalmist says: "Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven." (Psalm 96)

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS #634 **Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

We Share God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 2

SERMON

"Out of a Mountain of Despair, a Stone of Hope"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

SPECIAL MUSIC

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Johann Walther

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from "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 God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

OFFERING

Offertory

You Raise Me Up

Brendon Graham

*Hymn of Dedication No. 606

"Doxology"

*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 #772, stanzas 1, 3, 4

Live into Hope

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #549

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander

(The congregation is invited to sit in quiet reflection until after the postlude.)

*You are invited to stand.

Worship Leadership Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Tom Doumaux, Liturgist
Linda Althoff, piano Audio/video: John Daugherty, Chris Dennis Ushers: Ruth Hines, Lisa Jones
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