



# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

July 18, 2021

11:00am

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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## PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord**

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### 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

From the Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1, Fugue in C minor BWV 847

J.S. Bach

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Micah 6:8

Bill Hodges, liturgist

With what shall we come before the Lord and bow before God on high?

**He has shown you what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,  
and to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God.**

#### \*HYMN #33

**Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show**

**Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia! Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!  
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia! All who see and share God's love. Alleluia!**

**Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia! In the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!  
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia! Singing praise forever more, Alleluia!**

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Even our best intentions go awry when we are not at one with God's purposes. Our gracious God journeys with us and provides for us with unending mercy, patience, and kindness so that when we repent, we experience God's mercy and transforming power. Let us confess our sins.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in total control. When we think of other people, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you. We accumulate instead of investing in your kingdom. We fear scarcity instead of trust in your abundance and provision. Use us to break down walls of hostility and competition. Equip us to do your will. Embolden us to open our hearts and hands in sharing. Hear now our silent individual confessions.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Sisters and brothers, God loves us, forgives us, and frees us from our sins; therefore be at peace and love with boldness and generosity.

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Intermezzo in B-flat minor, Op 117, No 2

Johannes Brahms

### **We Share God's Word**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 25: 14-29

## **SERMON**

"Investing in God's Future"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

### **We Respond to God's Word**

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence  
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the resurrection of the  
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **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 #716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and  
freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and  
kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and re-claiming, serving you by loving all.

## **\*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**

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**\*You are invited to stand.**

**Worship Leadership** Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Bill Hodges, Liturgist

Hymn Leader: Jesse Riggs John Holter, piano Peggy Vaughan, Music Director

Ushers: Margaret Cox, Carla Smith Ron Skinner, audio & video Joanne Lang, Worship Ministry Team Chair