



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

July 25, 2021

11:00am

Ninth 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

Surround Me
Chima Enwere, piano

(Arr. Chima Enwere)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139, selected verses

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

You hem me in - behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Search me, O God, and know my heart.

*HYMN #696

Oh God, You are My God (Psalm 63)

O God, you are my God alone, whom eagerly I seek, though longing fills my soul with thirst
and leaves my body weak. Just as a dry and barren land awaits a freshening shower,
I long within your house to see your glory and your power.

Your faithful love surpasses life, evoking all my praise. Through every day, to bless your name,
my hands in joy I'll raise. My deepest needs you satisfy as with a sumptuous feast. So, on my lips
and in my heart, your praise has never ceased.

Throughout the night I lie in bed and call you, Lord, to mind; in darkest hours I meditate how God,
my strength, is kind. Beneath the shadow of your wing, I live and feel secure; and daily as I follow close,
your right hand keeps me sure.

CALL TO CONFESSION

For God so loved the world that He gave us his only Son

To live among us, fully human, fully God, that we might know him, and understand the great,
never ceasing love and mercy of our Father

To suffer death upon the cross for the total remission of our sins, shedding His blood on our behalf

To be resurrected and ascend to the Father, conquering death and the powers of Satan,
a perfect atonement for our sins

That whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Let us confess our sins before God:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, when we live apart from your great love for us, we do nothing good. We are impatient when love is patient. We are ill tempered when love is kind and generous. We are prone to flaunt our achievements, believing that we are successful in our own strength, though love is never jealous or boastful or arrogant. We remain willful and disobedient, insisting upon our own ways, when love calls us to trust you completely and to submit our will to yours. We sometimes are too smug, and are too inwardly gleeful at the fall of those we do not like, when we know that love does not rejoice in the wrong - but in what is good. May your steadfast love - which bears all things, hopes all things, believes all things and endures all things - powerfully mold our hearts anew. Bestow on us the greatest spiritual gift of love - that we may glorify and please you in all that we do and say from this time forth and forevermore.

(Silent Prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, whose death and resurrection set us free from the law of sin and death. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us and loves us with an unceasing love. We are forgiven.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Wonderful, Merciful Savior
Chima Enwere, piano

(Arr. Chima Enwere)

We Share God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis to Revelations

SERMON

"It's all about relationships"

Ann Barnhill

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We Go Forth As God's People

*HYMN #286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God; until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

*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

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place
Chima Enwere, piano

(Arr. Chima Enwere)

***You are invited to stand.**

Worship Leadership Ann Barnhill, preaching Hymn Leader: Bill Hodges Chima Enwere, piano
Ushers: Ruth Hines, Carla Smith Ron Skinner, audio & video Joanne Lang, Worship Ministry Team Chair

We are delighted to welcome Chima Enwere as our guest pianist today. An alumnus of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP), Chima graduated with the Bachelor of Arts in Music with Music Industry Emphasis degree. He also holds a certificate in entrepreneurship as part of his undergraduate studies. Chima is Director of Music Together of Fayetteville, an early childhood music and movement program for children from birth through age eight—and the grownups who love them!