



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

May 8, 2022
11:00am
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

At the Cradle, from Op. 68

Edvard Grieg

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 116

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Gracious is the Lord; our God is merciful. The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

For God has delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, our feet from stumbling.

We walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Let us sing our praises and call on the name of the Lord!

*HYMN #246

Christ Is Alive!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus tells us that repentance and forgiveness is to be offered in his name. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, who assures us of new life through the power of Christ's redeeming love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we doubt the good news of the resurrection and we fail to accept the responsibility to live as people who believe you have the power to make all things new. You give us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You give us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You give us commandments to structure community and lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive our sin. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. We lift up to you now, in the silence of this moment, our individual sins.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, as Christ is our witness, God's power to pardon is immeasurable. Therefore, proclaim the good news to the ends of the earth: through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name!

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

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We Share God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9: 36-42

SERMON

"There was a disciple whose name was Tabitha."

Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

*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.

With believers of every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE OFFERING

Offertory

Old Grandmother's Tales 2. Andantino

Serge Prokofiev

***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.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

We Go Forth As God's People

***HYMN #250**

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

***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

Grandmother's Minuet, from Op 68.

Edvard Grieg

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

***You are invited to stand.**

Hearing assistance devices are available on the credenza in the narthex or from an usher.

Worship Leadership Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Amy Hearon, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director John Holter, piano Chancel Choir Ushers: Tom Lee, Jan Skinner
Audio/video: John Daugherty, Chris Dennis Worship Ministry Co-Chairs: Christina Brizendine, Joanne Lang

Join us for coffee and fellowship on Sundays in the fellowship hall from 9:45 – 10:45, before worship.