



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

October 10, 2021

11:00am

Twentieth 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

Let All Things Now Living
Peace Handbell Quartet

Welsh Folk Song (arr. Larry Sue)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 91, selected verses

Ruth Hines, liturgist

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,
"My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

*HYMN #624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart, who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place: so come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive; sustain us by thy faith and by thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins, that grace might bridge, and we might cross, the great chasm between ourselves, God and our neighbors.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we know we have sinned when we hoard what we have, ignoring the needs of neighbors. We know we have sinned when we grasp for more, neglecting to give you thanks for the blessings we do have. We know we have sinned when we refuse to interact with people whom we deem different or “untouchable.” We know we have sinned when we are complacent in the face of systems and institutions that oppress. Give us the courage to confess our sins and receive your invitation for transformation and a new way of living. Renew us that we might love as you love. Hear now our silent confessions.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord welcomes all who return from the exile of greed and self-interest. Be at peace, for in Christ we find our way home again where all are forgiven, loved, and restored.

RESPONSE TO GOD’S FORGIVENESS

To God Be the Glory

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

Luke 16: 19-31

SERMON

“Reaching Across the Great Chasm”
Practicing Empathy

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God’s Word

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sim Shalom (Prayer for Peace)

Will Lopes

Our Father, grant peace, goodness, and blessing to us.
Lord, our God of Life, grant peace to us forever.

*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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in 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.

OFFERING

Offertory

Offertory Music

*Doxology No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Scarf Dance

Cécile Chaminade

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 #822**

When We Are Living

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Through all our living we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God; we belong to God.

***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

Marche from "Love for Three Oranges" Op 33

Serge Prokofiev

***You are invited to stand.**

Worship Leadership Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Ruth Hines, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director John Holter, piano Chancel Choir Peace Handbell Quarter
Ushers: Christopher Dennis, Betty White, Charles White Ron Skinner, audio and video
Worship Ministry Team Chair, Joanne Lang