



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

October 3, 2021
11:00am
World Communion Sunday

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

Children's Corner Suite 1. Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum

Claude Debussy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 24

Jim Bryant, liturgist

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

*HYMN #515

I Come with Joy

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us,
makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is a gracious God; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. And yet our hearts are not so reliable. We wander. We argue. We forget. We divide ourselves with anger and bitterness and falsehood. Let us not deceive ourselves, but confess the truth of who we are. Let us confess our sins before God and each other.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all of creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world is threatened by misguided power and selfishness. And now we are separated from you and from the community into which you have called us. Forgive us. Transform us, *at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table* which Jesus prepares for us, to be your servants in the world, by the power of your Son and our Lord. Hear now our silent confessions. *(Silent Prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. Even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows. Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all of creation, and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven. Go in peace.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

We Share God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10: 25-37

SERMON

"Who Is My Neighbor"
Practicing Compassion

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Gather Here In Jesus' Name

COME, SHARE THE LORD

OFFERING

Offertory

Offertory Music

Abendmusik Op 99, No 12

Robert Schumann

*Doxology No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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

(Please hold your bread and cup until all have been served and we will partake together symbolizing our unity in Christ. Please return your empty cup to the baskets at the narthex door as you leave.)

We Go Forth As God's People

*HYMN #318

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith what e'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

*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

Sonatina in G major, Op 36 No 2. 1. Allegretto

M. Clementi

*You are invited to stand.

Worship Leadership Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Jim Bryant, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director John Holter, piano Chancel Choir Ron Skinner, audio and video
Ushers / Communion Team: Ann Barnhill, Jim & Catherine Rogerson Worship Ministry Team Chair, Joanne Lang

WORSHIP NOTES Based on CDC data and the rise in COVID 19 infection rate in our county and state, we are **requiring** that all people wear masks during worship. Masks will be available at the welcome table. We are also delaying the re-opening/re-start of other activities for the time being and we will re-evaluate during our October Session meeting.