



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

September 4, 2022
11:00 AM

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

Bagatelle Op 126, No 5. Quasi allegretto

Ludwig van Beethoven

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 138, selected verses

Ann Barnhill, liturgist

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

*HYMN #65, stanzas 1 and 2

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CALL TO CONFESSION

We turn to God in praise and prayer not from a position of power and strength, but from the broken edges of our lives, the world and the church. We offer our prayers of confession, trusting in Jesus Christ who, through his transforming power, reconciles us to God and each other. Let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always listen for and to your voice. Instead, we listen to other voices and wander toward easier options. Forgive us for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your word of grace. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, in Christ Jesus, grants us grace, mercy and peace. In faith, let us trust the promises of God to make all things new. In Jesus Christ we experience the transforming power of God's love and mercy.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS 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.

We Share God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1: 1-14

Pew Bible NT (page 199)

Luke 18: 1-8

Pew Bible NT (page 81)

SERMON

"To Pray Without Ceasing"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond To God's Word

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
Peggy Vaughan, Soprano

Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;**

**who was conceived of 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 forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

Offertory

To a Wild Rose Op 51, No 1

Edward MacDowell

***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.**

We Go Forth As God's People

***HYMN #801**

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

***BENEDICTION**

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

A Ground in Gamut

Henry Purcell

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

***You are invited to stand.**

Worship Leadership Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Ann Barnhill, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director John Holter, piano Audio/video: Steve Bridgman, Ron Skinner
Ushers: Chris Dennis, Dan Smith Worship Ministry Co-Chairs: Christina Brizendine, Joanne Lang

Next Sunday, Sept. 11: Liturgist: Cassie Billings Ushers: Lucy Freeman, Joanne Lang
Communion Team: Janet Johnson, Richard Johnson, Lucy Freeman, Joanne Lang