



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

September 12, 2021

11:00am

Sixteenth 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

Invention No 4 in D minor, BWV 775

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103, 1-4, 22

Amy Hearon, liturgist

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits – who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

*HYMN #687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things. If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Matthew 16) Let us confess together those things that cause us to create stumbling blocks to hearing God's word to us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. We become absorbed in selfish wants instead of considering the needs of our neighbors. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. We seek to go our own way and pursue our own agendas without considering your purpose for our lives. Wrapped up in our own concerns, we don't pay attention to how you are present in our world. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation and deny the gifts of others. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name that we pray and offer up our silent confessions.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. He invites us to give up our old life of sin so that we might embrace a new life of grace. Friends, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

We Share God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3

SERMON

"You Are Standing on Holy Ground"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

SPECIAL MUSIC

In Remembrance

Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red

OFFERING

Offertory

Offertory Music

Prelude in B minor, Op 28, No 6

Frederic Chopin

*Doxology #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 #526**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy, bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!

***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

From Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1, Prelude No 6 in D minor, BWV 851

J. S. Bach

***You are invited to stand.**

Worship Leadership Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Amy Hearon, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director John Holter, piano Ron Skinner, audio and video
Ushers / Communion Team: Jim Bryant, Ruth Hines, Janet Johnson, Lisa Jones
Worship Ministry Team Chair, Joanne Lang