



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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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

Du bist wie eine Blume
Samantha Flores, cello

Robert Schumann

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103, selected verses

Jesse Riggs, liturgist

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

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits -

One: 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 eagles.

All: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

**God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy righteous goal, lest we miss thy righteous goal.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us but we have not lived for you. We pursue our own self interests and agendas. You have forgiven us, but we have not forgiven others. We would prefer to judge others and nurse grudges rather than consider the truth of who we are and our own sins. You have loved us, but we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. We create divisions within the community you intend, seeking our own positions of power and security. Hear our cries and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all. Reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Do Not Be Afraid
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

Sally Ann Morris

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18: 21-35

SERMON

"Forgiven and Forgiving"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

SPECIAL MUSIC

Warrior's Song

Stephen Heller

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.

HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other

This text is based on Matthew 18: 21-35; written by Fred Kaan in 1974. It takes seriously what it means to be a Christian community: to search for hope and faith, to care not just for some but for all, to do the truth in love, to practice acceptance, to minister to those hungering for acceptance.

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***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.**



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