

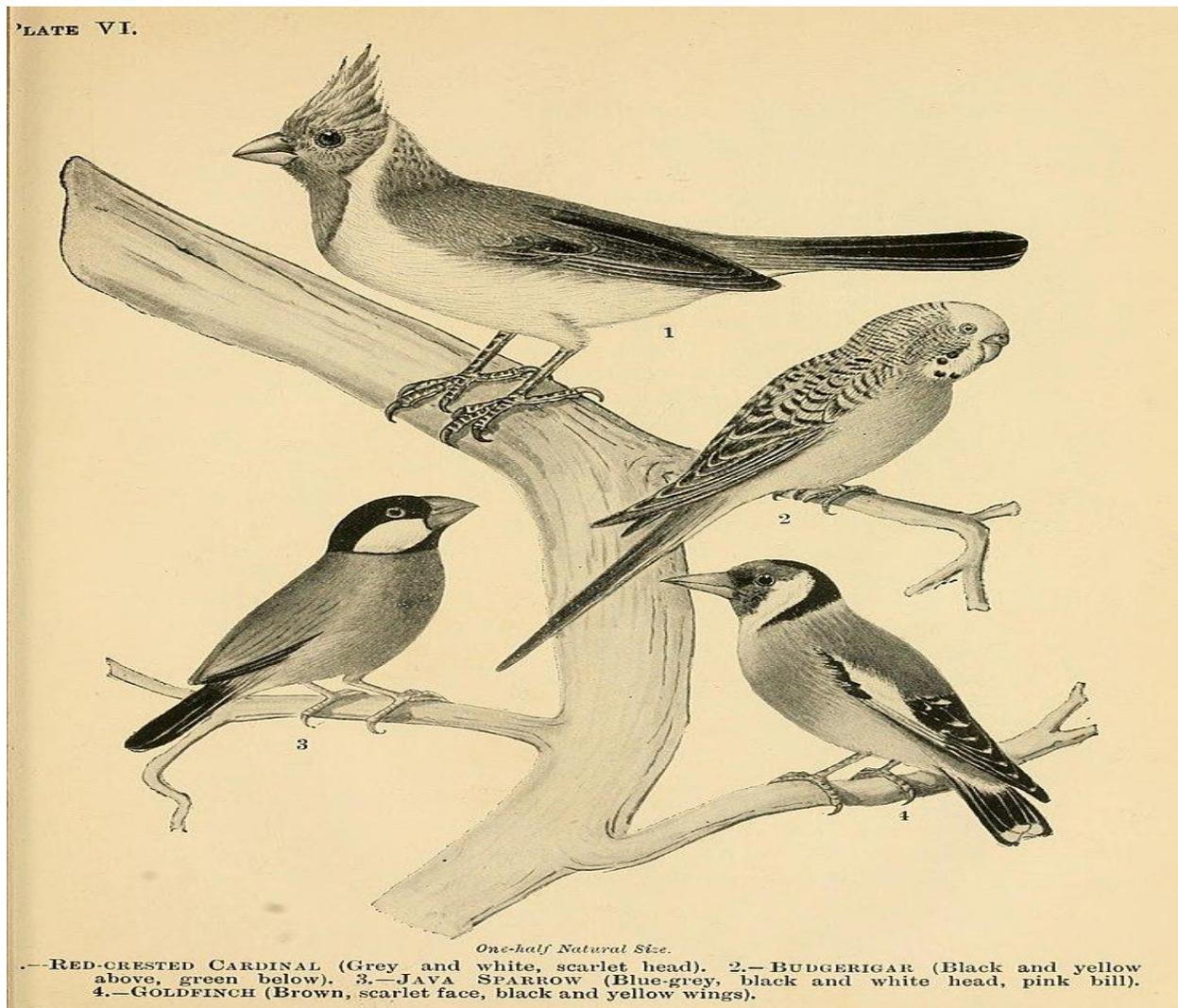
Grace Presbyterian Church

13 November 2022

9:30 am

Ordinary Time, Proper 28

*Rooted in Christ, We Gather in Spirit.
Welcome to Worship!*



Prayer Candles

Before worship, offer a prayer and light a candle at the communion table.

We Gather

PRELUDE

*Vince Di Mura, Music Director
Sharon Coyle*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship

Holy God, in reverent awe, we come to worship you!

We gather to honor and glorify God's almighty name.

Righteous God, we rejoice as we come to worship you!

We gather to celebrate God's power over the forces of evil.

Faithful God, with thankfulness, we come to worship you!

We gather to sing praises to the God in whom we trust. Amen.

~ written by Joan Stott, based on Psalm 98. Posted on The Timeless Psalms.

Opening Hymn* For the Beauty of the Earth No. 14

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION Litany (inspired by Isaiah 65:17-25)

We confess to each other and to You, our Creator, that we fall short of being what we have been created to be,

what we have committed ourselves to be, disciples of the kingdom.

**Hear us, forgive us,
renew our resolve to build the kingdom of peace.**

We often seek out the easiest paths;
paths of least involvement in places where we might be uncomfortable, or paths of self-centeredness.

**Hear us, forgive us,
renew our resolve to build the kingdom of peace.**

Forgive us for getting so caught up in the world's trappings and its false messages of hope that we lose sight of the hope of the kingdom, which brings healing and peace to a world in turmoil.

**Hear us, forgive us,
renew our resolve to build the kingdom of peace.**

In this time of worship may we resolve to become more kingdom-minded to become your peacemakers here and now.

Amen.

~ written by Marcia Plumb, and posted on the Community of Christ website.

Words of Affirmation

The scriptures tell us that God's love will find us no matter how far we wander from the Word.

God will find us and bring us home.

It does not matter what we have done wrong, we still belong to God.

**We have the assurance that God will rescue us.
This is the good news of the Gospel!**

~ from Reformation and Reconciliation, written by LT Leticia Rouser.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Called to be one in Christ Jesus, we
love one another in unity and grace.
Peace be with you!

And also with you.

(Raise your hand in a sign of peace and blessings)

We Reflect

Hymn of Praise* Restore in Us, O God No. 434

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION¹

**O God of wisdom,
you delight in deep truth.
Let these words of scripture teach our
hearts, that we may hear your joy and
gladness, for the sake of Christ, your
wisdom for us. Amen.**

OT SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25

A time for Children and the Young in heart

NT SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 21:5-19

SERMON Rev. Debbie Paton
"Opportunity To Testify"

We Respond

A Moment or Two for Stewardship

¹ Seasons of the Spirit- November 13, 2022

MISSION STATEMENT
To Know, Love and Serve God

VISION STATEMENT

As an open and affirming congregation, we genuinely welcome people of all ages, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, beliefs, and those who are cognitively and or physically challenged. Our vision is that each of us is a minister seeking to know Christ, grow in discipleship, and embody God's love for the world.

Hymn *I Love to Tell the Story* No. 462

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Lord, in your mercy/Thanksgiving, R+ **Hear Our Prayer.**

Hymn of Praise

OUR GIFTS OF SACRIFICE and THANKSGIVING

Offertory Invitation

(Thank you to all those whose contributions and offerings sustain the church. You can also give online by visiting the church website or arranging for recurring donations with your online banking).

Musical Meditation

*Vince DiMura
Sharon Coyle*

*Doxology** **Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your holy purpose to fulfill, tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.**

Prayer of Dedication

**We are sometimes a fearful people, Holy One.
But today, we place our trust, our hope and our
faith in you. Use these gifts – and all our lives – for
the creation of your Reign on earth, not in some
distant future but here and now. We give thanks.
Amen.**

Submitted TO LITURGY LINK by Rev. Jennifer Garrison Brownell,

We Are Sent

Closing Hymn* *Hope of the World* No. 734

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

****Indicates, please stand in body or in spirit.***

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