

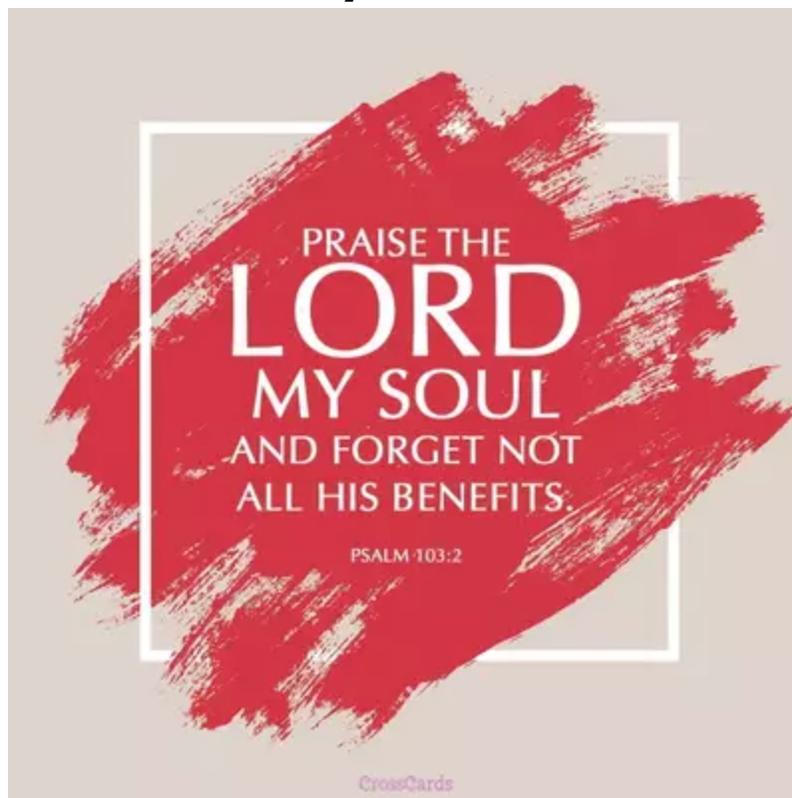
Grace Presbyterian Church

25 September 2022

9:30am

*Rooted in Christ, We Gather in Spirit.
Welcome to Worship!
A Season of Peace
Ordination and Installation of Officers*

16th Sunday after Pentecost



Source: <https://www.biblestudytools.com/kjv/psalms/103-2.html>

We Gather

PRELUDE

Vince DiMura

Musical Director

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

All are welcome in this sacred place.

**We who have risen to embrace this day,
we who are weary in body and spirit,**

all are welcome in this sacred place.

**We who know the abundance of life,
we who are left impoverished by harsh realities,**

all receive a sustaining measure of God's love.

**We who are strong in mind and soul,
we who are challenged by illnesses of many kinds,**

all are whole in the Spirit of God.

**We who have a voice and the strength to use it,
we who whisper prayers in our hearts,**

all are invited to worship the God we love.

Come, for you have a place of honor in the heart of
God.

HYMN* *Lord, When I came into this Life*

No. 691

OPENING PRAYER²

We give you thanks,
Gracious God,
that you invite us and all people
into your presence,

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to feast at your table,
to share together as equals,
to welcome one another.
keep us ever mindful that it is by your grace
that we are welcomed here.
May we never do anything
to suggest that others of your children
are any less worthy of your grace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION³

Sacred Spirit who moves within and between,
through you, we are assured of Love
that gathers us in and renews us with worship.
We are quick to receive your boundless welcome,
and with eager hands,
we accept the sacramental gift of your grace.
But we are aware
of the times we become satisfied
with our own inclusion
and we do not enact the divine hospitality
planted deep within our very nature.

When we do not look beyond our institutional walls,
forgive us, O God.

When we withhold and restrict the grace of the
sacraments,
forgive us, O God.

When we imagine ourselves to be more valuable than

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others,
forgive us, O God.

When we think only of self-maintenance,
forgive us, O God.

When we do not live as your people,
forgive us, O God.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION⁴

In the soul of God,
we each have a place of honor
where the Spirit nourishes us.
Then filled with the abundant love of God,
we can extend ourselves
in new and life-giving ways.
Receive forgiveness
and live the love of God.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Called to be one in Christ Jesus, we are made
to love one another in unity and grace.

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

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we're members of an extended family,
residents of suburbs and towns,
citizens and subjects of nations,
and beings in your good creation.

**By your Spirit, we are linked together
and through spirited compassion
we share a common joy and suffering.**

May we be mindful of the fullness of life's experience:
that which is ours and, especially in this time of prayer,
that which makes up the day-to-day existence of others.

We pray for the suffering that comes from inhospitality
manifested in prejudice, racism, misunderstanding, and
fear (*silence*). With hearts open to compassion, we pray:
let mutual love prevail.

We are aware of the painful realities resulting from
an imbalance of power and wealth in our nation and
world (*silence*). With hearts open to compassion, we
pray:

let mutual love prevail.

We open our hearts now to the gathered community
and allow ourselves to feel the joys and concerns of one
another (*silence*). With hearts open to compassion, we
pray:

let mutual love prevail. AMEN

**Ordination and Installation of Officers:
Ruling Elders - Active Deacons**

Hymn of Servanthood Take My Life NO. 697

OUR GIFTS OF SACRIFICE and THANKSGIVING

*Invitation*⁶

In our offering, we give not only our material gifts, but we offer ourselves to God once again.

Let us share of our vast resources to support God's mission in the world.

The ushers may come forward to receive today's offering.

You can also give online by visiting the church website.

Musical Meditation Vince DiMura

*Doxology** *God, We Honor You* No. 709

This is our place to learn and practice the way of Christ.
Here we will cultivate mutual love;
Here we will honor relationships that nurture faithfulness and fullness, generosity, and service.

**Through the gifts we bring and the lives we live
we will hold loosely to our worldly wealth
and share what we have
to do the good we can.
Going out to offer grace, hospitality, and welcome.
AMEN**

We Are Sent

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CLOSING HYMN* *We Will Go Out with Joy*

No. 539

BENEDICTION*

Live always as an offering of praise.
Remember always to do good in this world,
and share what you have with others.
So we become the blessing we receive,
from God our Maker, Healer, and Guide.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

**Indicates please stand in body and/or in spirit.*

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