

Grace Presbyterian Church

21 August 2022

9:30am

Ordinary Time, Proper 16

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



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We Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

God calls us. Whether we are young or old,
bent over or standing tall, or somewhere in-between;
in dry deserts and beside springs of water;
when we feel strong and safe,
and when we feel scared or abandoned.

**God calls all of us and offers to set us free
from whatever keeps us bound.
Let us come, then, and offer worship and praise
to this wondrous God.**

HYMN* *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy*

No. 305

OPENING PRAYER²

O sacred Word of Life,
we rejoice in your call in our lives.
Open our ears to the whispering Spirit
that gathers us into one body,
– your church.

PRAYERS OF APPROACH & CONFESSION³

Healing God, when we shoulder burdens not ours to
carry,
unfold us with your grace.

¹ Seasons of the Spirit- August 14, 2022

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When we clench our fists and our hearts with rage and anger,

unfold us with your grace.

When we let ourselves become overwhelmed with things around us and ignore people,

unfold us with your grace.

When we make unwise choices, or ones that we know are unfaithful to you,

unfold us with your grace.

When we allow our doubts to shut us down rather than open us up to new wonderings and new possibilities,

unfold us with your grace.

Amen.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION⁴

God – who is our rock, our refuge, the one who rescues, heals, and loves us – also forgives us and sets us free to new and everlasting life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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.

Hymns; To God be the Glory # 634

Soon and Very Soon # 384

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We Reflect

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION⁵

**Dear God, let us not only hear of you
but see you with our own eyes through your
Word. May we also experience your presence
by the Holy Spirit.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship # 396*

OT SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 95: 1-7
NT SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossian 3: 12-17

SERMON Rev. Donald M. Pitches
Singing is the Thing to Make You Cheery

We Respond

HYMN* *Earth and All Stars!* No. 26
 On Eagle's Wings #43
 Blessed Assurance #839

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Let us listen to those who challenge us with
prophetic voices,**
that we might understand their passion for life,
and see things from a new perspective,
that we might make new and deeper connections with
them.

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Let us listen to children

when they talk about grownups,
talk about church, and talk about God,
that they might be ministers among us.

Let us listen to the women long silenced by religion,

that we might see what they saw,
hear what they heard and feel what they felt.

Let us listen to the elders,

not only to their stories of the past,
but also to their dreams for the future,
that we might gain their wisdom and draw strength from
their faith.

**Let us listen to those who live with disabilities
– their own or someone else’s –**

that we might gain new insight on what it means to
welcome others.

Let us listen to those who speak anonymously

in statistics of death, persecution, and unsolved
disappearances, that we might gain a new appreciation
for the freedoms we enjoy
and work for the same for all people.

Let us listen to those who love the earth

and give voice to its needs, its wounds, its potential,
that we might be drawn into a deeper communion with
God’s creation of which we are but a part.

In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

OUR GIFTS OF SACRIFICE and THANKSGIVING

*Invitation*⁶

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In our offering, we give not only our material gifts, but we offer ourselves to God once again.
Let us share from our vast resources for 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 Ted Elias

Doxology God, We Honor You No. 709*

**God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessing.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication*⁷*

In Christ, we receive a new room,
a dwelling place that cannot be shaken.

**Therefore, we give thanks,
and offer God a pledge of our commitment,
and the sign of our gratitude.**

Accept our offerings, O God.

May the Spirit's fire refine it for your service
and always for your glory.

**Refine us also, setting us free to minister in
your name. Amen.**

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We Are Sent

CLOSING HYMNS *Precious Lord, Take MY Hand* # 834
 Here I Am, Lord #69
We Are One in the Spirit # 300

BENEDICTION*

Touched by the presence of God,
we go to be a healing presence in our world.
Uplifted by the Spirit of Christ,
we stand firm for all that is just and true.
Go, and the community of the Christ
goes with you.

POSTLUDE

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

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