

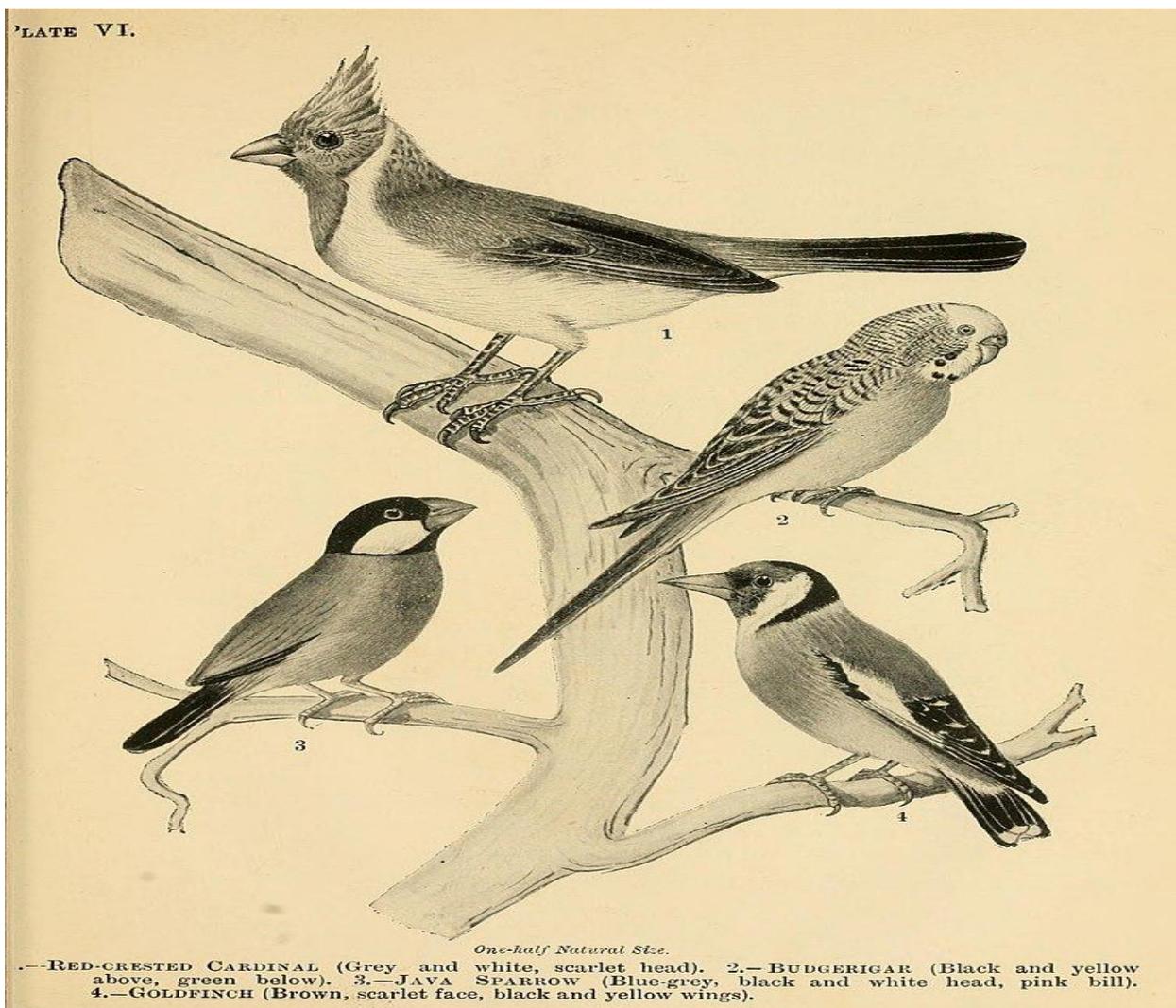
# Grace Presbyterian Church

31 July 2022

9:30am

## Ordinary Time, Proper 13

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



# We Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

We come here from the world  
whose repeated song tells us  
that we do not have enough –  
we do not buy enough –  
we are not enough.

**Here we re-learn God's wisdom –  
that we have enough if we share;  
that security cannot be found in the  
marketplace;  
that we are always enough.**

Center us once again, Holy God.  
Ground us in your love.  
Grow us toward your sense of abundance:  
abundant listening  
active love  
fullest life.

HYMN\* For the Beauty of the Earth

No. 14

OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

Living God,

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<sup>2</sup> Seasons of the Spirit- July 31, 2022

open our hearts to the real treasures in life:  
may we seek the love that lasts,  
the song that echoes,  
and the life everlasting.

**Open our hearts to the Christ,  
the Spirit of life,  
and you, the Creator of all –  
the Eternal One.**

#### PRAYERS OF APPROACH & CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>

Blessing, blessed God,  
we pray to you for “our daily bread,” for what we need.  
But in our worrying, we crave even more.  
In our fear that there may not be enough,  
we desire more than we need.  
In our hope to evade trouble, we look for refuge and  
rescue in amassing more and more things.

**Forgive us, dear God**

For the times when our anxieties outweigh our sense.

**Forgive us, dear Lord**

When we think of ourselves but forget to think of others.

**Unclench our fists. Calm our fears, Open our hearts.**

**Forgive us that we do not seek our security in your  
Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

#### WORDS OF AFFIRMATION<sup>4</sup>

God is our refuge, our rock, our strength.

God hears our repentance,

**We know ourselves forgiven.**

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## 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.**

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

## **We Reflect**

A time for Children and the Young in heart

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION<sup>5</sup>

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may receive with confidence and joy  
what you say to us today. Amen.**

HYMN                      *In the Bulb there is a Flower*                      No. 250

OT SCRIPTURE LESSON (responsive)                      Psalm 107: 1-9

Praise the Lord, because God is good!

The Lord's faithful love will last forever!

**2 Everyone the Lord has saved should repeat that word of thanks.**

**Praise God, all who have been rescued from the enemy.**

**3 The Lord gathered people together from many different**

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countries. God brought them from east and west, north and south

**4 Some of them wandered in the dry desert.**

**They were looking for a place to live,  
but they could not find a city.**

**5 They were hungry and thirsty and growing weak.**

**6/7 Then they called to the Lord for help,  
and were saved from their troubles.**

**The Savior led them straight to the city where they would live.**

**8 Thank the Lord for faithful love and for the amazing things  
God does for people.**

**9 The Lord satisfies those who are thirsty, and  
fills those who are hungry with good things.**

**Praise the Lord, because God is good!**

**The Lord's faithful love will last forever!**

NT SCRIPTURE LESSON  
SERMON

Hosea 11: 1-11  
Rev. Donald M. Pitches

*Birds of a Feather*

**We Respond**

HYMN *You are Before Me Lord*

No. 28

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy/in thanksgiving,

**Hear our prayer.**

Let us share our inheritance: the gifts we have received and the challenges we carry. Let us speak them out, that our gifts and our joys might brighten those around us and that our cares might be lessened as empathizing hearts surround us.

Let us pray:

God, you know our hearts' joys and sorrows even before words form in our minds to describe them.

You are wholly present with us through the hard things;  
you weep with us in our grief;  
you dance with us in our delights.

We lift prayers to you, and with one another, that in our speaking, we might hear those concerns, feel those griefs, and delight in new ways, and answered prayers.

**The things that help us to understand one another and reach out to each other in tenderness and respect;  
and to understand ourselves more clearly.**

Teach us, as we pray.

**Open our hearts and minds as we pray.**

We pray for our children and our families (*pause*).

We pray for the scary places in our lives, which cause us to worry (*pause*).

We pray for the leaders of our world (*pause*).

We pray for the mysteries we cannot answer,  
the puzzles we cannot decipher:  
the relationships that failed, the plans that fell through,  
the dreams that faded.

We pray for all the unknowns that spur us to ask whether  
we will have enough,  
or be enough for challenges to come (*pause*).

And, finally, we rest ourselves in you.  
**We trust you, God, that you will never leave us.  
In your great grace and love we rest.  
For the gift of that home in your heart,  
we thank you and we praise you. Amen.**

## OUR GIFTS OF SACRIFICE and THANKSGIVING

### *Invitation*<sup>6</sup>

Someone is always asking after our treasure.  
Is it enough? Will it Last? Is it safe?  
Are we safe? As we weigh what we might offer this day,  
may we ponder the love of our God, a treasure without  
price, ours without asking, buoying us up every day.  
With that great gift, must we hold so tightly to this  
world's treasure?

*Thank you to all those whose gifts and offerings have sustained  
the church during these difficult times. Plates are available in the  
sanctuary to receive your offering. You can give online by visiting  
the church website.*

*Musical Meditation*

*Ted Elias*

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*Doxology\**

No. 712 v.3

**In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today,  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.  
O God who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ your Son,  
help us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.**

*Prayer of Dedication\*<sup>7</sup>*

As we are able, we have offered gifts in this place, on these plates, or sent from home.

May they flow through this community and into the world and help to build your realm of enough for all. Amen.

## **We Are Sent**

CLOSING HYMN\*     *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*  
No. 837

BENEDICTION\*

Go out into the world in courage and peace,  
holding lightly to the things of this world,  
and tightly to God's love.

POSTLUDE

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

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