

# *Grace* Presbyterian Church

June 2, 2023

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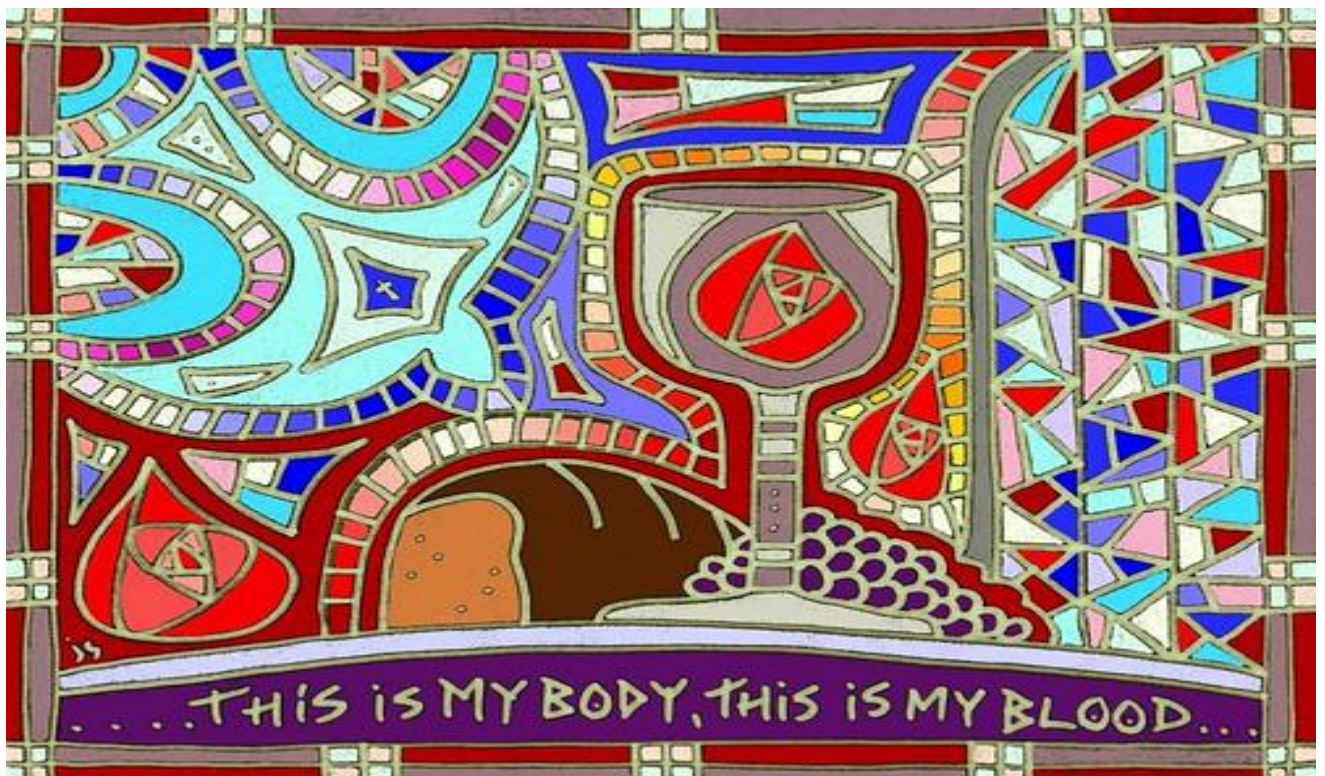
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## VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,  
race, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations,  
beliefs,  
and those who are cognitively  
and or physically challenged.**

Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose,  
**each one engaged in ministry,  
seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship,  
and embodying God's love for the world.**



## **Prayer Candles**

Before Worship, you may offer a prayer and light a candle at the communion table.

## **We Gather**

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship

**Sing aloud to God our strength and shout with joy: God, our Host, welcomes us.**

God reminds us, "I brought you out of the land of Egypt and fed you along the way:"

**When we opened our mouths, God filled us with good things.**

God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness, trusting the promise of a feast for all--

**freshly-baked bread, a cup overflowing with blessing to satisfy our hunger and thirst.**

Let us worship God!

~ written by Rev. Christopher Ney,

\*Hymn #409 "God is Here!"

Call to Confession

Let us approach God with humble contrite hearts that we may receive the gift of forgiveness and new life.

Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession

**God, you know us inside out, when we lie down and when we rise. Your knowledge is so complete and wonderful, we can never comprehend it. But that**

**doesn't stop us from believing we have it all figured out. Forgive our arrogance and misplaced pride. You are everywhere present. Whether we find ourselves in the depths of despair or the heights of heaven, you are there. But that doesn't stop us from trying to confine you to one day of the week, one place in the future, one holy book, or one favorite pew. Forgive us when we ignore your call, and when we try to hide from your gaze. Forgive us when we act as if you do not see, cannot understand, when we restrict your love and when we claim that your presence is just for some.**

Words of Assurance

God, you look on us with love, no matter who we are or where we have been. You offer us new life each day.

**How vast is your knowledge, it is like counting grains of sand. Silence in us any voice but your own, and guide us as we walk your way. Amen.**

Hymn # 634 "To God be the Glory" (vs. 1, please remain seated)

**We Reflect**

Prayer of Illumination

**O God, we gather to praise Your Holy Name.  
Save us from those who would deceive us.  
Teach us the way that we should go each day.  
Fill us with Your Holy Spirit  
that we might have the comfort of Your presence  
within us day and night. Amen.**

Reading from 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from Mark 2:23-3:6

SERMON

\*Hymn #533 "In The Singing"

## **We Respond**

### MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is **to Know, Love, and Serve God**

Offertory Invitation

*Musical Meditation*

Prayer of Dedication

**We humbly ask that You continue to bless us with all we need for the living of these days— So that our faith community might be gifted to share Your message of hope, reaching out to the poor and hurting, and bringing glory and honor to You, our God. Amen.**

Thank you to all who contribute to the ministry/mission of this church in offering plates and electronically.

Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)

Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving...

**Hear our prayer.**

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer after communion

## **We Are Sent**

\*Hymn #536 "Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen"

\*Charge and Benediction

Siblings of Christ, go into the world!

Go forth with forgiveness and grace.

Go forth with compassion and love.

**We go as God's beloved,  
living for all the world to see.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!

**And also with you.**

*(We invite you to offer a sign of peace to those around you and as you gather for fellowship. We remind you to ask what folks feel comfortable with...a verbal greeting, a handshake or fist bump, etc. Do not assume.)*

POSTLUDE

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

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