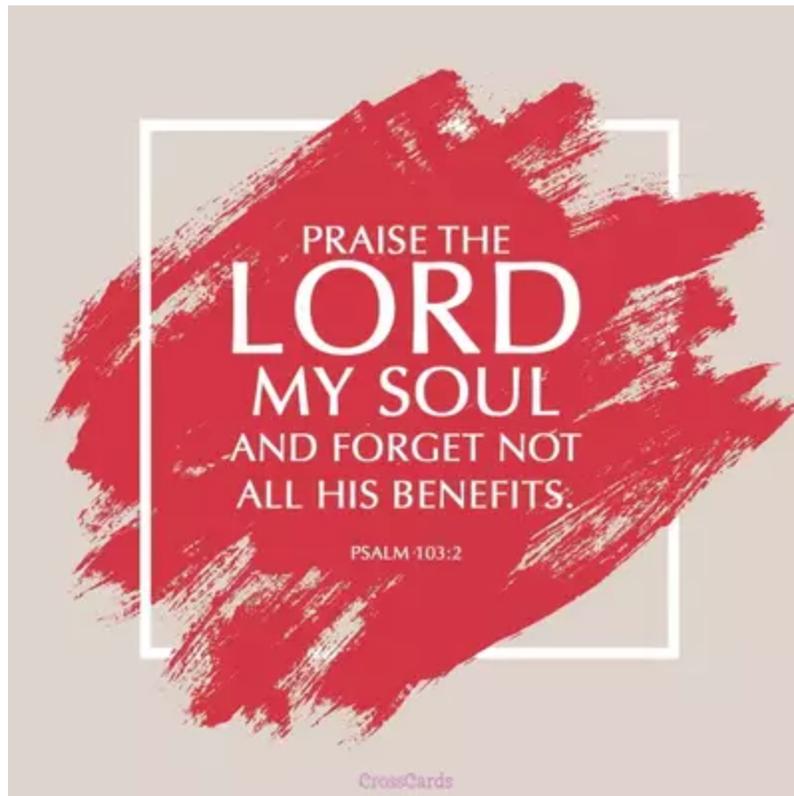


Grace Presbyterian Church

09 October 2022

9:30am

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



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

We Are Gathered

PRELUDE *Vince DiMura*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

We who have risen to embrace this day,
we who are weary in body and spirit,
all are welcome in this sacred place.

Opening Hymn We Gather Together #336

Prayer of confession

Gracious God,
we come before you as bearers of a faith
for which we are not always known.
Sometimes we shrink from the gift entrusted to us,
as if it is the least part of ourselves,
as if passing trivialities matter more,
as if faith has no real weight in the scheme of things.

Forgive us our unfaithfulness.

Forgive us for our turning from your gifts.

Call us back to life in you,

today and every day.

Amen.

Words of affirmation

God is merciful and forgiving. Through the revelation of
Jesus Christ, we are assured that God sees us, and
greet us with tender mercy when we turn toward God's

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love. Therefore, let us be at peace with ourselves, with God, and with each other.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Sharing Joys and Concerns

Lord in your mercy or Lord in Thanksgiving

Response: **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Gracious God,
each of us is a part of a larger whole:
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 common joys and sufferings.

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. 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. 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. With hearts open to compassion, we pray:

Let mutual love prevail. AMEN

We Reflect

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION²

**Dear God, let us not only hear of words about 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.**

A Time for Children and the Young at Heart

HYMN Restore in Us, O God No. 434

OT SCRIPTURE LESSON 2nd Kings 5: 1-19

A scripture reading for several voices

SERMON Rev. Donald M. Pitcheds

Be A Yay-man, Not a Nay-man

We Respond

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PRAYER OF RESPONSE

By your Spirit, we become people of empathy and action who enlarge the presence of your peace in the world.

We pray for asylum seekers, refugees, and immigrants and those who speak out for justice.

We pray for those who endure deplorable working conditions and those who make their home in poverty and personal distress.

We pray for those who enact laws and policies, and those whose task it is to enforce them.

**By your Spirit,
may we be people of grace and peace.**

We pray for those silenced or excluded from the tables of influence and leadership because of the colour of their skin, their gender, their socio-economic reality, or their differing perspectives.

But you welcomed all people erasing the labels of distinction.

**By your Spirit,
may we be people of grace and peace.**

We pray for those imprisoned by the distress within their mind, bodies, and souls.

From this place it can be hard to imagine the way forward; to hold on to hope that healing will come.

We pray for the healer and health care worker who provide essential care.

**By your Spirit,
may we be people of grace and peace.**

Even as we delight in the beauty of life
may we see clearly the situations
that are in need of our compassionate involvement
so that in, with and through your Holy Spirit
we may be people of reconciliation and peace in this
world.

All that we are is gathered into the heart of Christ,
nothing and no one is excluded.

Through this unconditional love
the brilliance of Christ's community shines out.

We are loved and loving.

We are welcomed and welcoming.

**We will be Christ body together
extending welcoming love to the world.**

**By your Spirit,
may we be people of grace and peace. AMEN**

SHARING THE PEACE of CHRIST

Occasions to offer grace and peace are all around us.
Every day presents opportunities to express
forgiveness, acceptance, and hospitality
if we have eyes to see and ears to hear.

**For the Spirit of reconciliation is within us
stirring, urging, moving us**

toward one another deeper into the soul of God. all receive a sustaining measure of God's love. Come, for you have a place of honor in the heart of God.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

Offer each other a sign of blessing and peace.

OUR GIFTS OF SACRIFICE and THANKSGIVING

*Invitation*³

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 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;

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 in Christ's name we pray.

Amen

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We Are Sent

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, Christ our Healer, and the Holy
Spirit our Guide.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

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

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