

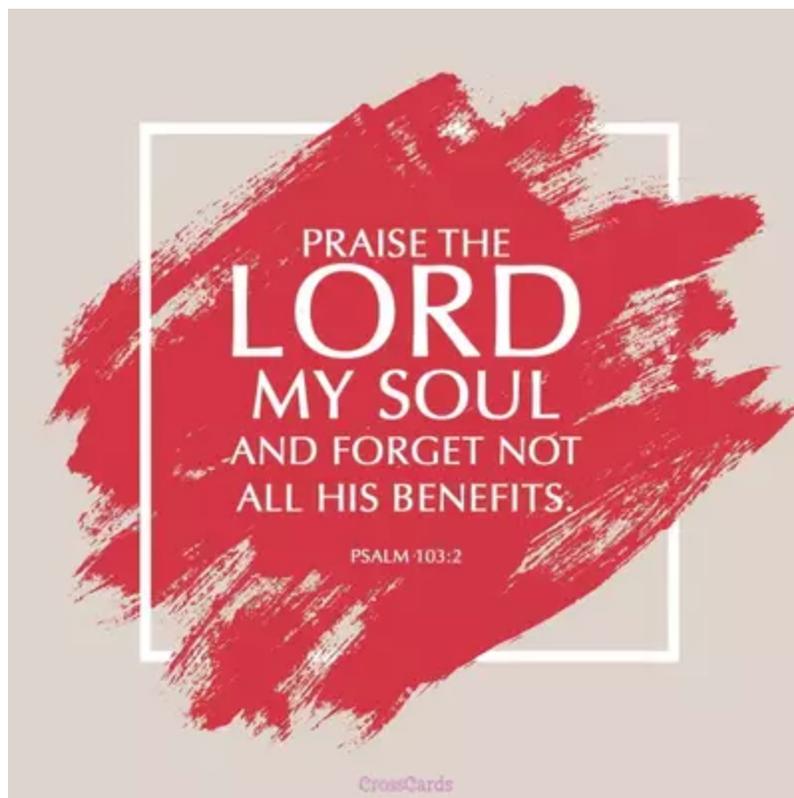
Grace Presbyterian Church

28 August 2022

9:30am

Ordinary Time, Proper 17

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



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

We Gather

PRELUDE

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.

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* *What Is This Place*

No. 404

¹ Seasons of the Spirit- August 14, 2022

OPENING PRAYER²

We give you thanks,
Gracious God,
that you invite us and all people
into your presence,
to feast at your table,
to share together as equals,
and 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 APPROACH & 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.

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³ Seasons of the Spirit- August 14, 2022

When we withhold and restrict the grace of the sacraments,

forgive us, O God.

When we imagine ourselves to be more valuable than 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 honour
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.

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 Respond

HYMN*

10,000 Reasons

Matt Redman

Chorus:

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy
name

Verse 1:

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song
again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before
me...
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

Verse 2:

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing...
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

Verse 3:

And on that day
When my strength is
failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise
unending...
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
Forevermore

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.

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 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

Prayer of Dedication^{*7}

Based on Hebrews 13:1-8 and 15-16.

This is our place to learn and practice the way of Christ.

Here we will cultivate mutual love;

remember those whose place is here,

yet they are not yet free to be in their place.

Here we will honor relationships that nurture faithfulness and fullness.

Through the gifts we bring and the lives we live
we will hold loosely to our worldly wealth
and share what we have

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to do the good we can.
Go out to offer hospitality.

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, Healer, and Guide.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

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