



Peace Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship

As we prepare for worship, please send your prayer requests by way of the "chat" function on Zoom or send a message through Facebook.

Prelude

Musician Patrice Meschke

Welcome

Pastor Heidi Vardeman

Gathering Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
We are pilgrims on a journey, we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

Call to Worship, from Psalm 100

Katrina Bergman

O sing to the Lord a new song.
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing, and give praise to God's name.
Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.
With joy and thanksgiving, let us worship God.

Hymn #138, verse 1 and 3 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not always loved you. You call, but too often we do not listen. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

... Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia and amen!

Song of Rejoicing *The First Song of Isaiah*

We sing the first stanza for ourselves as individuals:

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.

We sing the second stanza as a church, a community of faith:

Surely, it is God who saves us;
We will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,
and he will be our Savior.**

Passing the Peace

... The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The pastor will now “unmute” all participants. Add video if you are on Zoom. Please greet one another by waving, smiling, or saying “Peace!”

Concerns of The Church

Scripture Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”

Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Sermon

Face to Face

Special Music

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

If you are on Zoom and able to “chat” you can share your prayer concern by clicking “everyone” or you can send a private message to Peace Presbyterian. If you are watching on Facebook, you can write your prayer as a comment on the livestream.

Sung Preparation for Prayer #404

Precious Lord

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Prayers of The People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Offertory

Doxology #591

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit evermore
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we ask for your blessing as we offer our offering and ourselves to you. Bless us with generosity as you have been relentlessly generous to us. Bless us with forgiveness as you have accepted us no matter what we have done. Bless us with humility, perseverance, and love. Amen.

Closing Hymn #420 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

Prayer for the Nation

Benediction

Fellowship