



## Peace Presbyterian Church

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**October 25, 2020, 10:30 am**

**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

Seminarian Katrina Bergman

We worship the Lord with gladness.

**We come into God's presence with thanksgiving.**

Our great God has been marvelously kind

**We respond with wonder, love, and gratitude.**

Let us worship together in spirit and in truth.

**Although we are separated by physical space, we are joined in spiritual community.**

### Hymn #339, verses 1 and 3

*Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence, we confess our sin and the sin of this world. We say that Christ is our peace, but we are a people divided among ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. Lord, have mercy on us. Heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world, as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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**

John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

### **Sermon**

Truth and Freedom

### **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

## Moment for Stewardship

## 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

As you are forever giving, we give of our talents and treasure.  
As you faithfully provide, we faithfully give. 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

*Join us after the Zoom worship service for fellowship!*