



## Peace Presbyterian Church

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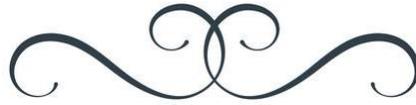
### Stewardship 2020: We're in it for the Long Haul

*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.*

## **Scripture for Reflection**

*Genesis 1:1-5*

*We start at the very beginning. These verses remind us that God created everything, so all that we have is ultimately from God. God brings light into our world, and as children of the light, we are called to live lives of gratitude and generosity, giving back to the work of God out of the abundance that God has shared with us.*



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

## **Order of Worship**

**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**

All that we are is a gift from God,

**The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it.**

All that we have is a gift from God,

**The world, and those who live in it.**

There are no words to describe the wonders of God’s creation,

**For God has founded it on the seas.**

Rejoice as we join together in praise for God’s great gifts.

Let us join together to worship God.

**Hymn #473, verses 1-2**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies.  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,**

**This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light.  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

## **Confession of Sin**

God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for our worldly pursuits.

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. Yet, we spend our time serving ourselves.

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

You provide us with opportunities to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. Yet, we tend to hide our gifts.

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. Yet, we resist sharing because of fear for the future.

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. Yet, we take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth.

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

Let us pray silently.

*Silent Prayer*

## **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**

## **Special Music**

### **Scripture Reading**

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

### **Sermon**

Stewardship, Not Ownership

## **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.

## Moment for Stewardship

## 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

Generous God, all that we have, all that we are, all that we have been given already  
belongs to you.

## Closing Hymn #564, verses 1-2 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!

## Prayer for the Nation

## Benediction

## Fellowship

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