



Preparation for Worship

Sit and be still
until in the time
of no rain you hear
beneath the dry wind's
commotion in the trees
the sound of flowing
water among the rocks,
a stream unheard before,
and **you are where**
breathing is prayer.

Wendell Berry, *Sabbaths VI: 2001*

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Idyll
Rob Passow, Organist

Peeters (1903-1986)

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

† Praise Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Praise Band

† Call to Worship

One Voice: We serve the Creator, who loves us into life.

Many Voices: We follow Christ, who loves us unto death.

One Voice: We listen for the Spirit, who loves us into transformation.

Many voices: We worship God, whose love knows no bounds.

One Voice: Let us worship God.

† Hymn #17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Creator and Lover of all that is, we confess to you that we too often overlook the very things for which you have given us oversight. We have failed in our care for the good earth and its creatures; we have been overly consumptive, destructive, and wasteful of the resources you entrusted to us. We pollute air and water, erode soil, deprive our neighbors with feathers and fur of habitat, and leave our flesh and blood neighbors hungry and thirsty by our selfishness. We do not fully know how to restore what we have damaged, and we repent in sorrow and stress. Forgive us, we pray, and have mercy. Give us grace to change our ways, to make amends, and to work together for the healing of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting unto everlasting. As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgression from us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response #48:

Rain Down (Sung Twice)

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem (#359)

Freedom Is Coming
Summer Choir

Trad. S. African

About the anthem: “It is widely recognized that music played a highly significant role in the effectiveness of the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, and this song is an important reminder that oppressed people everywhere experience a close correlation between political and spiritual freedom.” *From the Glory to God hymnal.*

Children’s Message

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 8

† Hymn #22

God of the Sparrow

Scripture Lesson

Mark 2:23-28

Sermon

Pharisees, Puritans, Philosophers, and Poets

Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Bach (1685-1750)

Rob Passow, Organist

† Response #609

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

Judy Fitton

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

We Depart To Serve God

† Parting Hymn #317

In Christ There Is No East or West

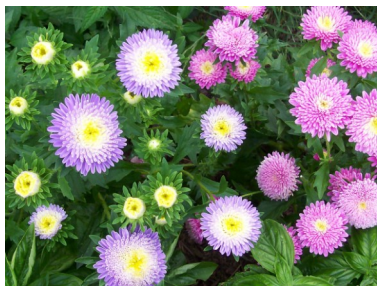
† Benediction

Postlude

In Highest Praise

Paxton (1935-2015)

Rob Passow, Organist



The Flowers Are Dedicated

By Peter and Beth Jenkins Smith

In Memory of Beth’s Mother, Marie Jenkins

Your greeter today was Glenda Etchison.



***WE ARE VERY GLAD YOU CHOSE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!
PLEASE SIGN OUR FRIENDSHIP REGISTER SO THAT WE CAN
GREET YOU BY NAME AND CALL ON YOU IF YOU DESIRE.***

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - ...Even if they fidget! Worship Bags are available outside the sanctuary with books, a children's bulletin, and crayons; and our Nursery is downstairs in Room 5 for infants through 4-year-olds.

After the Children's Message, children have their own worship downstairs with *Play 'n' Worship* for preschoolers, and *Bridges to Worship* for K-3rd graders. Please pick up your children before Fellowship: K-3rd graders - Room 14, and younger children in Room 5.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH - Classes for 5-year-olds through adults are offered at 9:15 a.m. from the 2nd Sunday in September through the 3rd Sunday in May, with a summer adult class in June. Youth groups meet during the school year and engage in mission work during the Summers. Please check the schedules on the bulletin boards in the main level hallway.

GRACE INSIGHTS - Learn more about Grace Church, our mission, and our denomination. If you are considering membership or have interest in learning more, please speak to one of our pastors or Elder Valerie Wenderoth. You will find Grace a very welcoming place.

PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!

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