

Preparation for Worship



Go, peaceful,
in gentleness
through the violence of these days.
Give freely.
Show tenderness
in all your ways.

Through darkness,
in troubled times
let holiness be your aim.
Seek wisdom.
Let faithfulness
burn like a flame.

God speed you!
God lead you,
and keep you wrapped around God's heart!
May you be known by love.

Be righteous.
Speak truthfully
in a world of greed and lies.
Show kindness.
See everyone
through heaven's eyes.

God hold you,
enfold you,
and keep you wrapped around God's heart.
May you be known by love.

—Paul Field

We Gather in God's Name

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the friendship register.

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Song of Praise

Better is One Day

Praise Band

Call to Worship

One Voice: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

Many Voices: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

One Voice: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

Many Voices: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

One Voice: So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

† Hymn #749

Come! Live in the Light!

† Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done," but it is often a prayer that lacks urgency. We think of your kingdom as some sort of distant reality, not something world-changing that presses powerfully upon the present. So, we settle into our routines. We don't hurry to change our patterns or priorities. We leave errors uncorrected, relationships untended, injustices unchallenged. When we feel we can do little to change the world, we settle for doing nothing. Rekindle our urgency, O God. Help us to hear with fresh ears discipleship's call. Forgive us when we forget the meaning of now, and help us to live, to love, to comfort, to plant and nurture kingdom seeds as though the kingdom is among us (instead of living as though it is not). In your name we pray, 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.

† Response #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

We Proclaim God's Word

Grace Preschool Teacher and Staff Introduction and Recognition

Children's Message

Penny Newsome

Anthem

Refuge
Chancel Choir

Preibe and Shevy

Scripture Lesson

Luke 16:1-13

† Hymn #720

Jesus Calls Us

Sermon

Urgent Action Required

Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Recuerdos de la Alhambra
Laura Seifried, Flute
Scott Seifried, Guitar

F. Tarrega

† Response #609

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

† Prayer of Dedication

Alem Bryant

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Depart To Serve God

† Parting Hymn #725

O Jesus, I Have Promised

† Benediction

Postlude

Rob Passow, Organist



*The Flowers in the Sanctuary were
Dedicated by Greta and Joe Miller*

For All God's Children

Your greeter today is Anne Renninger.



***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 3-year-olds.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - After the Children's Message during the service, children have their own worship experience 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 will be in 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 Summer. Please check the schedules on the bulletin boards in the main level hall.

GRACE INSIGHTS - Learn more about our church, our mission, and our denomination, PC(USA), in classes that form throughout the year. If you are considering membership or you 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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