



Preparation for Worship

We are God's sharecroppers. We tend the earth and its riches for someone else's behalf. We are expected to represent God's interests, being as generous with each other as God is with us. We are not owners. We were never meant to be. It is not the American way, but it is the kingdom way, and I will tell you something: the harvest will take your breath away.

Barbara Brown Taylor from *God's Sharecroppers*
in "The Healing Word: Gospel Meditations"

Prelude

Harvest Home
Rob Passow, Organist

Rob Passow

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

Blessed Be Your Name

Praise Band

Call to Worship

One: God of Life, You are as near to us as our breath.

All: Touch our eyes, that we may see you in one another.

One: Open our ears, that we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

All: Enter our hearts, that we may be filled with your love toward all people.

One: Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

All: Be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people of your Way, sustained by your every good gift.

† Hymn #336

We Gather Together

† Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Generous God, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a too-distant second. You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom. Grant that we might be filled with gratitude, ever-mindful of your grace, and that we might respond with glad and generous spirits, as servants of your Kingdom. 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 #587

Alleluia!

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem

Down to the Water to Pray
Chancel Choir

Choplin

Children's Choir

*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!
This is My Father's World*

Vulpius
Sheppard

Children's Message

† Hymn #37

Let All Things Now Living

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 5:6-7, 21-22
Matthew 6:24 I Timothy 6:6-12

Sermon

Grasping and Generosity

Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

All Creatures of Our God and King
Rob Passow, Piano

Mark Hayes

† 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 #697

Take My Life

As we sing the hymn, members are invited to come forward by the center aisle, place a pledge of financial commitment, a commitment of time and talents, or simply an expression of gratitude in the basket, and return to the pews by the outer aisles. A basket is also at the back of the balcony under the window.

† Benediction

Postlude

The Ash Grove
Rob Passow, Organist

Charles Callahan (1951-)

***The Flowers in the Sanctuary were given
By the Flower Guild***

In Praise and Thanksgiving to God

Your greeters were members of the Confirmation Class





***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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