

We Gather as the People of God

Musical Call to Worship

Greeting and Invitation to Discipleship

Opening Sentences

Leader: In the beginning, and now, and forever, God the three, God the one

People: danced together, worked together, belonged together.

Leader: In the beginning, and now, and forever, God created the earth and its inhabitants

People: — plants and animals and people — to dance together, work together, belong together.

Leader: As one with God's people in every place and time, grounded in God's goodness,

People: we join our voices with the trees of the field, the stars in the heavens, the mountains and the seas, to worship together.

Song

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Let us pray with one voice.)

**Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you,
to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creation.
In the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your Commandments
and seek to go our separate ways.**

**Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us,
for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Psalm 8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Beginning Again

Catherine Neelly Burton

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
by Joachim Neander, arr. by Travis Cottrell & Paul Mills

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, The King of creation;
O, my soul, praise Him, For He is thy health and salvation;
All ye who hear Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth;
Shelters thee under His wings, Yes, so gently sustaineth;
Hast thou not seen How all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work
And defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy Here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise the Lord; Praise the Lord;
Praise the Lord; Praise the Lord.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him;
All that hath life and breath Come now with praises before Him;
Let the amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him.

Praise the Lord; Praise the Lord;
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Praise the Lord; Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord; Praise the Lord.

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Amen.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory *Holy Spirit*

Promotion Celebration

Joys and Concerns of the People

Joy: Covenant Presbyterian

Ministry: Student Ministry

Care and Comfort: Andy Barker, Elizabeth Feemster

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Are Sent as God's Servants into the World

Song *This Is Amazing Grace*

Charge and Blessing

Leader: Alleluia! Amen.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

The Postlude

Leading and Serving in Worship Today

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Jennifer Snook, Director of Children's Ministries

kakophonie, praise band

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Holy Spirit by Bryan Torwalt & Katie Torwalt, arr. by Joel Mott

There's nothing worth more, that will ever come close;
No thing can compare You're our living Hope,
Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves;
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,
Your presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit You are welcome here,
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory God is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord.

There's nothing worth more, that will ever come close;
No thing can compare You're our living Hope,
Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves;
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,
Your presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit You are welcome here,
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory God is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord.

Let us become more aware of Your presence,
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.
Let us become more aware of Your presence,
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.
Lord.

Holy Spirit You are welcome here,
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory God is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord.

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Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
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To be overcome by Your presence, Lord.

**This Is Amazing Grace by Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro & Phil Wickham,
arr. by Dan Galbraith**

Who breaks the pow'r of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love.
That You would take my place, That You would bear my cross.
You would lay down Your life That I would be set free.
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love.
That You would take my place, That You would bear my cross.
You would lay down Your life That I would be set free.
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
And worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
And worthy is the King who conquers the grave.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
And worthy is the King who conquers the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy! worthy! worthy!

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love.
That You would take my place, That You would bear my cross.
You would lay down Your life That I would be set free.
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me.