



MAY THE
GOD OF PEACE
GIVE YOU PEACE
AT ALL TIMES
IN ALL WAYS.

— 2 THESSALONIANS 3:16



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
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Grove Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Outdoor Worship in the Grove

Worship Service
18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2020 10:15 AM

Please be sure cell phones are off or on airplane mode

Please be sure to wear a mask

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: God's people, called by God's name, must
humble themselves in prayer.

All: We will pray, we will seek God's face.

One: God's people will turn from unjust ways.

**All: Then, God will hear from heaven with open
eyes and ears.**

One: Help us, Lord; you are our hope.

Gathering Praise Medley

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks:

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. Refrain

**Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior. Refrain**

Come! Live in the Light!:

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

**We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain: **We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

Sing! Sing a new song!

**Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. (*Refrain*)**

Prayer of Confession

God, sometimes we know we need healing, other times we don't. In either case, we often lose track of where true healing lies. We look to talking heads and politicians and forget to pray. Our prayers unite us with you and unite us with one another. Help us as we humble ourselves and seek your will.

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

If we call upon you, you will hear our prayers. Hear our prayers, O God.

Passing of the Peace (air waves, no touching)

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson

2 Chronicle 7:12-18

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 23:37-39

Sermon

“If My People Pray”

Time of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing

This morning, we ask that you take a few moments to meditate on your needs or the needs of those around you. Take a moment to pray as we approach God with the need for healing.

Litany for Healing

Pastor: Together we lift our prayers to you, O God of love and healing. Shed the light of your healing love on all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find new wholeness.

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Knit together in your love all whose relationships have frayed, that they may find reconciliation and new beginnings.

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless our land, in it's state of brokenness. Heal our relationships with one another. Help us to hear one another, and help us to respond with love and grace.

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Hold in the palm of your hand all who are near death and all who care for them, that they may know the peace that passes all understanding.

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed are the peacemakers. Grant all who turn to you the courage to participate with you in

restoring this broken world to wholeness, that everyone may share in the hope of your kingdom.

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Silent Prayer

Pastor: For these, and all other petitions too deep for words, we pray.

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious God, you are close to us no matter how far we feel from you: draw us into the very heart of your grace, and help us to live in the truth that nothing can separate us from your love. Amen.

Holy Communion



Communion Hymn

“This Is My Song”

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.**

**This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.**

**So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:

**thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

**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.**

Blessing

Choral Benediction

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*



**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God,
in loving memory of Janet L. Betz,
in celebration of a life and love shared.**

Participants in today's service: Russ Cotner (worship leader), Justin Gaspar, Kessey Kieselhorst, Cathy Sanders (music), Eric Deeter (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper.

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