



*Whoever I am,
thou knowest me;
O God, I am thine!*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Outdoor Worship in the Grove

Worship Service

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021 10:15 AM

Worshippers present for in-person worship are invited to sing and read text and lyrics printed in **bold type**. Masks are optional for outdoor worship. Please wear a mask whenever indoors.

Gathering Music arranged by Philip Keveren
“Morning by Morning”

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude Arranged by Justin Reeve
“Be Still, My Soul”

Choral Call to Worship (Hymnal 799)

*I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.
I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.*

Call to Worship *Psalm 116*

One: We love the Lord because God has heard our voices
and our humble requests.

**All: God has inclined God's ear to us; we will call on
God as long as we live.**

One: We call on God: Lord, save my life!

All: We trust that God is gracious and merciful.

One: The Lord protects the simple; when we are brought
low, God saves us.

**All: The Lord hears our requests and deals bountifully
with us.**

Praise Medley

“From the Rising of the Sun” (GSP 19)

“I Will Offer You Praise” (GSP 47)

Prayer of Confession (*Beth Merrill Neel*)

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon (*BMN*)

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Passing of the Peace (*air waves, no touching*)

Children's Sermon

Presentation of Bibles* *Maven Cooney and Alayna Esser*

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Response pg. 5 (*Hymnal 698*)

"Take, O Take Me as I Am"

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 9:7-13

New Testament Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon "Welcome to the Family"

Moment of Gratitude

Lord's Prayer

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"The Family of God"

Blessing

Choral Blessing by Ann Carol Malcolm

*May the Lord bless you and keep you,
may his love surround and support you,
and give you peace.*

* If we have overlooked any 3rd graders, please let us know.

Participants in today's service: Allison Cotner (worship leader), Allisa Moore, Dave Sanders (deacons), Eloise Bennett, Stephanie Smith Cooney, Cathy Sanders (music), Lynne Pabst (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christin (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper

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Other:

- From the Rising of the Sun: arranged by Steven B. Taylor. Author anonymous
- Benediction I: by Ann Carol Malcom

Litany of Dedication

While we have learned God's Law well or at least think we have, both the Old Testament and the New Testament reveal to us that knowing God's commandment is not enough. As followers of Jesus, we must practice the law. In Deuteronomy 6: 7, we are commanded to teach our children and repeat the commands at home, at work, when resting and when away. Repetition and practice are necessary. When the teacher of the law confronts Jesus and Jesus tells the story of the Samaritan who practices neighborliness, "Jesus says you know the law. Do it." Again, God's Law needs to be put into practice.

For this reason, Session adopted a churchwide curriculum focusing on Biblical Practices for Faithful Living. A Presbyterian Publishing product, the curriculum focuses on practices found in the Bible. Some of these practices are Joy, Hope, Baptize, Confession, and Prayer. As a churchwide curriculum, connections are made between Sunday School, worship, Bible Study, and other aspects of church life.

Today we start that curriculum as a whole congregation with the Biblical Practice of "Welcome All", also referred to as hospitality. In this practice we will explore how the Bible teaches hospitality, identify ways we can be welcoming in our world, and finally, engage in the practice on a daily basis. To this end, this morning we are dedicating not only the leaders and teachers, but every one of us to participating in the Christian education year to come.

PASTOR: Creating God, who through Jesus calls us to follow, we thank you for the people who prayerfully created a curriculum for our use.

CONGREGATION: Creating God, thank you for these insightful people who have felt the need to encourage practice of your commands.

PASTOR: Welcoming God, who welcomes us into the work of ministry, we ask that you equip us all with the skills needed to support one another in this ministry of learning to live faithfully.

CONGREGATION: Welcoming God, help us to be hospitable to all who wish to join in this ministry and learning.

PASTOR: Unifying God, who desires that we find unity and peace through practicing and living your commands, bless

all who join in following Jesus and practicing faithful living that your Kingdom may reign.

CONGREGATION: Unifying God, help us to demonstrate through our actions your kingdom to the troubled world.

PASTOR: People of this congregation, will you commit with me, with the Session of Grove Presbyterian Church, and with one another to encourage and support each other in discovering the Biblical Practices of Faithful Living? *(Congregation) We will.*

PASTOR: Children, do you promise to help one another learn and do the practices of faithful living? *(Children) We do.*

PASTOR: Youth, do you promise to take time for these Biblical practices in your busy lives? *(Youth) We do.*

PASTOR: Teacher of us all, we give this year of learning and practicing to you, that we may become more faithful doers of your commands so the world may not only hear the Good News of your love, grace, and mercy but also will experience it through our actions. While the actual programming is still uncertain due to COVID, we entrust Grove's Christian education program in all its forms to your will that all who seek you may be drawn into and welcomed in the body of Christ. *(ALL) AMEN!*

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Musical score for the hymn "Take, O Take Me as I Am". The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me."

The Family Of God

Words by
William J. Gaither and Gloria Gaither

Music by
William J. Gaither

CHORUS

F

G⁹ Em/G G⁷



I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam - 'ly of God; I've been

5

C⁷

B^b/C C C⁹ F



washed in the foun-tain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Je-sus as we

11

G⁹ Em/G G⁷

C⁷

Last time to Coda ♯

C⁹ C¹³ C⁷ F B^b/F



trav - el this sod, for I'm part of the fam - 'ly, the fam - 'ly of God. _____

VERSE

17

F

F

C/F F



— 1. You will no - tice we say "broth - er" — and "sis - ter" — 'round here; It's be -
2. From the door — of an orph - 'nage to the house of — the King; No —

22

C⁷

B^b/C C⁷

B^b/C C⁷

F

B^b/F F



-cause we're a fam - 'ly and these folks are so near; When one has a
long - er an out - cast, a — new song I sing; From rags un - to

27

B^b/F F C/F F C⁷



heart - ache we — all share the tears, and re - joi - ce — in each vic - 'try in this
rich - es, from the weak to the strong; I'm not wor - thy to be — here, but praise

C⁹ C¹³ C⁷

F

B^b/F F

F

B^b/F F

F



fam - 'ly so dear. _____ I'm so long! _____
God,



Flowers today are given by Ann Carol Malcolm in honor of the musicians of Grove and the varied music they offer.

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