

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

Asheville, North Carolina

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June 26, 2022

More Light Sunday



Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Jesus, Lead Thou On

setting by Paul Manz

Call to Worship

* **Hymn 315**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

* **Call to Reconciliation**

* **Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God,

We confess that we have allowed our minds, bodies and spirits to be held captive by white supremacy, patriarchy, queerphobia, ableism, and capitalism that has kept us from truly loving our neighbor as ourselves.

We confess that we have been wedded to white supremacy culture over and above our love for you and have been unable to heal and restore our imaginations for newness, abundance and the liberation of all.

We confess that we have not taken your message of freedom and justice from font and table to our homes, our families, neighborhoods, street corners, courtrooms, and government offices.

In your mercy, help us to embrace the fullness of humanity, made in your image and likeness and declared good by You. Give us strength to stand in love and solidarity with our siblings who courageously hold unique identities as queer, lesbian, gay, bi, straight, asexual, Black, Brown, Indigenous, Asian, Latinx, white, cisgender, trans, non-binary, gender fluid, intersex, disabled, able-bodied, and identities that are still emerging from the fullness of who you. In your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

*** Assurance of God’s Grace and Love**

*** Response 582** Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD

*** Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Faith Sharing

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture 1 Kings 19:15-21

Sermon “The Only One” Rev. Tami Forte Logan

Anthem Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You Jay Althouse
 Summer Choir

Prayers of the People

*Each section of the prayer will conclude: “God, in your grace”
Please respond: “Hear our prayer”*

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Affirmation of Faith *(adapted from 223 General Assembly -On Affirming and Celebrating the Full Dignity and Humanity of People of All Gender Identities)*

We see and experience God’s image expressed across a broad and life-giving expression of gender. Honoring the breadth and variety of our gender identities and expressions is one of the ways we can come to an even

deeper understanding of who we are created to be in relationship to God and each other. The Hebrew Scriptures, the Gospel, and the Reformed Tradition affirm the dignity and worth of all people and call on individuals and communities to work for the well-being and protection of all people. Because we recognize that people of all gender identities are created equally in the image of God, we also recognize that we share a mutual obligation to stand for the right of all people and all gender identities and gender expressions to live free from discrimination and from violence. The image of God expansively and specifically includes people of all gender identities including transgender, cisgender, gender non-binary people, and people of all gender expressions. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Give Me Jesus
Jonathan Ross, Baritone

Mark Hayes

Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 765

May the God of Hope Go with Us

ARGENTINA

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Air

Bert Van Der Hoek

Today's liturgy is adapted from More Light Presbyterians; Rev. Shanea D. Leonard, Rev. Ashley DeTar Birt & Rev. Jess Cook.

Today's opening hymn, "In the Midst of New Dimensions," was written by Julian Rush. Rev. Rush was an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church prior to coming out and later serving as the Director of the Colorado AIDS Project. This hymn which celebrates diversity was premiered at a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference (United Methodist) and has been gradually finding its way into several denominational hymnals including the most recent Presbyterian Hymnal: Glory to God.

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me © 2008 Paul M. Vasile, Used by permission.

Please remain seated during the Postlude.

*** Please Stand in Body or Spirit.**

We gather to worship God who is larger than all our imaginations!

We encourage all persons to sing the nouns and pronouns they prefer in referring to God.

Liturgists: Keith Prince, Rick Pollard, Meggie and Linzi Anderson, Malachi Gasaway, Erin Tolar, Paul Rogers, Pam McGill, Pamela Culp, Liz Huesemann

Head Usher: Russell Kominski

Deacon of the Week: Cathy Froehlich | **email:** oremont2@gmail.com



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Thank you to Michelle Chromey for the flowers that decorate the sanctuary this morning, given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Ofelia Arcino.

Large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Join us for Summer Fellowship immediately following worship in the courtyard!
This week is hosted by members of PART (Power & Race Team).

Welcome Visitors!

Please take a moment to fill out the visitor card found in your pew to let us know more about you and place it in the offering boxes right outside the sanctuary.

Childcare is available for children, birth to 4 years of age.
Check-in is by the Welcome Desk in the narthex.



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For more info on announcements



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To give to GPCPC

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WELCOME STATEMENT

Trusting that God's grace embraces and desires covenant with all people, Grace Covenant seeks to be an inclusive and hospitable place of spiritual growth. All persons are welcomed into this fellow ship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, ethnic, racial, or gender identity, economic position, residency status, or political affiliation. We trust that God is always at work transforming each life and our life together, helping us to better follow Christ's example of love and courageous welcome.

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