

Assurance of God's Love

* Passing of the Peace

* **Glory to God** (note: "has pardoned" changed to "embraces")

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace embraces me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
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GCPC Connects

Community Land Acknowledgement

ALL: We acknowledge our complicated history on this land called "Togiyasdi," by the Fire People, the Cherokee ancestors. And we are working to deepen our understanding of the harmful history of Christianity, and the ways Christians have stolen land from non-Christians all over the world. We acknowledge the sacredness of these ancient mountains and in the mystery and majesty of all the wildlife and trees and plants that thrive here. We are thankful for signs of resilience and resolve in the way this land now grows food and community.

Together we practice following Spirit on unknown paths, letting go and leaning in. We believe that we can change and that the world can change, too.

Faith Sharing

**I have love to share with the whole wide world
And I start by loving myself
When I take good care of my heart and soul
I have room for everyone else
I love me, so I can love you
God loves me, so I can love you**

Faith Sharing Recessional

(Children 3rd grade and under may leave for worship enrichment or childcare for 0-4 years.)

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

John 17:6-19

Sermon "Unsee" Amy Kim Kyremes-Parks

Anthem The 23rd Psalm Bobby McFerrin

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Friendship Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL*)

**Our Mothering, Guiding Moral Force,
Gracious and Loving, Creator,
Who is our strength and shield and promises
never to leave or forsake us,
Who enfolds us and is all around us,
in heaven and earth.
Blessed and cherished, divine and wondrous,
and powerful are you.
May your purpose and everlasting presence,
your dream and vision of a world of peace, come to be.
And may your hope for us be realized on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give each one of us enough to sustain all of us.
In our imperfections, we ask for forgiveness
For ourselves, from the bondage of selfishness,
From the distraction of prideful pursuits.
Help us to find the best of our human selves and to love
that which others reject.
For all that you have created, the beauty and grace
and the glory is yours forever.
Amen. So be it!**

* **Closing Song 839** Blessed Assurance ASSURANCE

* **Sending and Blessing**

* **Good Day – Chorus #3** (*see insert*)

* *Stand in Body or Spirit.*

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Liturgist: Tyler Cook

Musicians: Flamy Grant (guitar, vocals), Mika Hood (cello), MC Ellis (percussion),
Jonathan Ross, Matt Wiedle, Mesheala Sundblade, Josie Moe – vocals

Head Usher: Russell Kominski

Deacon of the Week: Liz Huesemann | **email:** lizhuesemann@gmail.com

The flowers that decorate the sanctuary this morning are given by Susan Curtis.
 "Today's flowers are given in honor of all mothers of every kind, but especially including our mother, Anne Burkhardt. We love you Mama!!!
 Libby, Susan and Laura"

Large print bulletins are available from an usher.

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



Announcement Info



2024 Pledge Card



To give to GCPC

Hearing Aid T-Coil Loop -- listen in. The GCPC sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Aid Loop. This loop sends a magnetic signal directly to personal hearing aids equipped with T-Coil. Most hearing aids require you to select the Telephone or T-Coil program on your hearing aid to take advantage of the signal.

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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 fellowship 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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