



## Worship, September 11, 2022, 11:15 am

+Stand as you are able

### Gathering

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*God calls us to love  
 God and each other  
 and show that love  
 through our songs,  
 prayers, and  
 thoughts during our  
 worship service.*

*We pray together to  
 seek forgiveness  
 for sins of the  
 corporate body. We  
 pray silently for  
 personal sins.*

*God's grace and  
 forgiveness come  
 to us through our  
 faith in Jesus  
 Christ.*

### Welcome and Announcements Lighting of the Christ Candle Centering Music

#### +Call to Worship

L: This is the day the Lord has made

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Let us pray: **Gracious God, our lives are yours for service to your people and to the world you have created. Pour out your holy Spirit upon us in our worship today that we might receive wisdom and insight into your call upon our lives. Amen**

**+Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (263)*

#### Call to Confession

*The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Let us make our confessions to God in prayer:*

#### Prayer of Confession

**Kind and loving God, we are like wayward children: we wander away, seeking our own comfort, and forget about the ones who are in need; we waste your good gifts to us and lose sight of what is good in your sight. Forgive us, O God, and when we are lost like sheep or coins, find us and bring us back to you. (Moment of silent prayer)**

#### Assurance of Pardon

L: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.

Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### Response of Praise *O Lord, Hear My Prayer (2x)*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call, answer me,  
 O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.*

#### Passing of the Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Let us share the sign of the peace with one another.

## Hearing the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**May we be attentive to your teaching as we hear and think about your words, O God, and may we be led to turn your words into our actions. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading** I Timothy 1:12-17 <sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn** *Amazing Grace* (280)

**Gospel Reading** Luke 15: 1-10 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

### Sermon

## Responding to the Word

**Affirmation of Faith** from the *Confession of Belhar*

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to**

*After wrestling with its' complicity in apartheid in South Africa, one response by the Dutch Reformed church was creation of the Confession of Belhar. The PCUSA adopted this confession, for study and use, at the 222nd General Assembly in 2016.*

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the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

### Offering Prayer

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it; the world and all that is in it. Let us give thanks to God for all God has done for us.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love. Amen**

### Response of Praise (v.1 only)

SERVICE MUSIC

582 **Glory to God,  
Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free,  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

### Joys and Concerns

#### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.*

### Taking the Word into the World

+Song *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* (2241)

+Charge and Benediction

## **HYMNS**

### **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes.  
Most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting thou rulest in might,  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish, but nought changest thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

### **Amazing Grace**

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

### **The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve**

The spirit sends us forth to serve, we go in Jesus' name,  
To bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;  
Where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed  
And, all our days to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim,  
God's spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.