



Grace Presbyterian Church
El Paso, Texas

13th Sunday After Pentecost
August 23, 2026
10:00AM

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CHIMING THE HOUR/TIME OF CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Connie Chapman

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

In you, we come home - to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved. We dwell in you.

Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

In you, we are home - we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice. We dwell in you.

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Loving God, you welcome us and receive us into yourself. Give us courage to be open to others, to let them become dear to us, that we might share not only your love but our whole selves with your world. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise | No. 12

*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 naught changeth thee.
Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest 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!*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
TEXT: John L. Bell
MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Lord, we confess that we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted with the good news of your grace. We relate to others callously. We seek to please and to manipulate, using flattery to gain praise and distinction. We use condescension as a mask to cover insecurity or a need for power. Our motives are mixed and our actions do not follow your will. Lord, reassure and cleanse us. Make us your servants. Amen. *(A time for silent confession)*

POURING OF THE WATER

Because of the grace we receive in baptism, we have nothing to fear.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved ones, God accepts us as we are, loving us so that we might love one another.

Believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me | No. 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned 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. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
TEXT: Trad. Liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile
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SPECIAL MUSIC

He Touched Me | Frieda Voeks (solo)
by Bill Gaither

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

*HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love | No. 203

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,

Master who acts as a slave to them.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race; neighbors are near us and far away.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;

all these are neighbors to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:35-40

SERMON

"Well, It's Complicated" | Bill Rose

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

from *Galatians 5*

We are called to freedom, siblings in Christ. Only we must not let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge our selfish impulses, but we should serve one another through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself. But if we bite and devour each other, we must be careful that we do not eat each other up.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Glory to God | pg. 35

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

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (OLD HUNDREDTH) | No. 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we offer these gifts to you.
Bless them and our lives that your glorious power may be manifest to all. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian | No. 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual
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*Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.*

*In my heart, (In my heart,)
in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.*

*In my heart, (In my heart,)
in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.*

*In my heart, (In my heart,)
in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.*

*In my heart, (In my heart,)
in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Remember you are a child of God:
And God loves God's children.

AUG 23 - 30

Events & Celebrations

SUN 23	MON 24	TUE 25	THU 27
Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM NA of EP, 3:00PM	Yoga, 2:00PM	GraceB4Work, 7:00AM	Embroidery Group, 6:00PM BIRTHDAY Alison Jones
SUN 30	Pastor Janie will be on retreat at Ghost Ranch from Sunday, August 23 to Saturday, August 29. For any urgent pastoral needs, please contact Connie Chapman. There will be a short Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 30, 2026 following worship for the purpose of receiving and acting upon a short report from the Congregational Officer Nominating Committee.		
Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM NA of EP, 3:00PM BIRTHDAY—Mike McMinn			

Prayers & Concerns

Mildred Helm	Pete McMillan	Jerry Malone	Mike McMinn	Pat Bryant
Zoomer Roberts	Susan Carr	Mary Province	Christina Fenstermacher	
Bob Hedicke	Judy Ruiz	Jackie Franco	Mary & Mark Dunn	

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For all offerings given in any form, thank you!

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor—Bill Rose
Music Director—Brittney Williams
Additional Accompaniment—Bill Rose

Liturgist—Connie Chapman
Collaborative Pianist—Patricia Ann Provencio
Technology—Angel Martinez, Bob Jones & Jim Collins

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