



Grace Presbyterian Church
El Paso, Texas

8th Sunday After Pentecost
July 19, 2026
10:00AM

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CHIMING THE HOUR/TIME OF CENTERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beth Jones

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Let us hear what God will speak, for God will speak peace to the people.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

***PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank you for this place in which we dwell, for the love that unites us, for the peace given us this day, for the hope with which we expect the morrow; for the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies that make our lives delightful; for our friends in all parts of the earth. Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind. Spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies. As the clay to the potter, as the windmill to the wind, as children of their parent, we ask of you this help and mercy. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples | No. 757

*Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.*

*God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.*

*Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.*

*May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.*

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael
MUSIC: English Country Songs
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Gracious God, by day and night, we pour out our prayer to you. We are crying out for justice, yearning for what is right, longing for your true peace. Come quickly to help us, O God, and save those who call upon your name. We hear of hateful violence and senseless killing. We feel the suffering, sorrow, and shame of the oppressed. We fear that justice will again be delayed or denied. We recognize patterns of privilege and systems of discrimination. We see your creation destroyed by carelessness and greed. And we acknowledge our complicity in the sin of this world, in what we have done and left undone, in what we have said and left unsaid, in all the ways we have not sought the peace and wholeness of your children and creation. Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the day when your justice will roll down like waters, and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Renew our strength and stir up our hope as we look for signs of your coming reign. And fill us with the peace that passes all understanding. 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 siblings in Christ, true peace is not a lack of conflict, but the true wholeness that can only be found in seeking the kingdom of God. 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.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Just a Closer Walk with Thee | Frieda Voeks
Author Unknown

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom
TEXT: Kathleen R. Moore
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson
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Isaiah 11:1-9

*HYMN

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom | No. 378

***We wait the peaceful kingdom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
in gentleness and friendship without a fear or sigh,
When lion shall be grazing, when snake shall never strike;
a little child shall lead us both strong and weak alike.***

***Where is the peaceful kingdom? When will this new day start?
We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart.
Yet not in our lives only, nor simply in our home:
we pray that all creation will one day find shalom.***

***When wars of desolation and hate come to an end,
when nation meets nation and calls the other "friend,"
Still peace in all its fullness will only have begun:
shalom for all creation begins with justice done.***

***That little child shall lead us to walk the chosen way,
to share the peaceful kingdom, to greet God's newborn day.
The child born in a stable is sent to break our chains,
to bring through word and table the day when justice reigns.***

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-9

SERMON

"Peacemaking" | Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

from *Isaiah 11*

**A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on this One, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and awe of the Lord.
This One shall not judge by what their eyes see or decide by what their ears hear,
but with righteousness they shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
this One shall strike the earth with the rod of their mouth, and with the breath of their lips they shall kill the wicked.**

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaning child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

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 you these gifts that you might bless them and our lives that we might better love you, more joyfully serve you, and always delight to do your will. Amen..

*CLOSING HYMN

May the God of Hope Go with Us | No. 765

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

May the God of Hope Go with Us
TEXT: Alvin Schutmaat
MUSIC: Argentine folk melody
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*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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

JUL 19 - 26

Events & Celebrations

SUN 19	TUE 21	WED 22
Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM NA of EP, 3:00PM	GraceB4Work, 7:00AM G&S, 7:00PM	Back To School BBQ, 6:00PM BIRTHDAYS Mildred Helm Andrew McMillan
THU 23	SAT 25	SUN 26
Embroidery Group, 6:00PM	BIRTHDAY Bobby Wilkinson	Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM NA of EP, 3:00PM

Prayers & Concerns

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

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For all offerings given in any form, thank you!

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor—Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith
Music Director—Brittney Williams
Additional Accompaniment—Bill Rose

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

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