



Grace Presbyterian Church
El Paso, Texas

10th Sunday After Pentecost
August 2, 2026
10:00AM

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CHIMING THE HOUR/TIME OF CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Diane Dye

The Lord is king. Let the earth quake.

Let us praise God's holy and wondrous name.

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in earth as in heaven.

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

by Teresa of Avila

Lord, grant that we may always allow ourselves to be guided by you, always follow your plans, and perfectly accomplish your holy will. Grant that in all things, great and small, today and all the days of our lives, we may do whatever you require of us. Help us respond to the slightest prompting of your grace, so that we may be your trustworthy instruments for your honor. May your will be done in time and in eternity by us, in us, and through us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

God Welcomes All | No. 399

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

God Welcomes All
TEXT: Jane Parker Huber,
MUSIC: American melody
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved tenacious solidarity, nor walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. Forgive us our sin. Sustain us with your Spirit that we may serve your will. 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, Christ has no body now but ours, no hands, no feet on earth but ours.

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.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Speak O Lord | Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith
By Kristyn & Keith Getty

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Zechariah 7:8-11

*HYMN

The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor | No. 763

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

God arises in the council of heaven and gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

“How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

They do not know, neither do they understand;

they go about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any leader.’”

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor
TEXT and MUSIC: Daniel Iverson
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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

“Blessed Are You” | Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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.

JOYS & CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy... [pastor continues...]who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are truly holy, O God... [pastor continues...]

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This morning we will be taking Communion by intinction. When it is your turn to come forward, you will be handed a piece of bread and are invited to dip it into the cup on either side before returning to your seat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Send us forth, O God, burning with justice, peace, and love. With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun, moon, and stars, we praise you. Amen..

*CLOSING HYMN

We Are One in the Spirit | No. 300

***We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:***

***And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

***We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

***We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

***All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

Guide My Feet
TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual
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*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Remember you are a child of God:

And God loves God's children.

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Events & Celebrations

SUN 02	MON 03	TUE 04	WED 05
Communion Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship Potluck (Harry Potter), 11:15AM NA of EP, 3:00PM G&S— <i>The Gondoliers</i> , 2:30PM (at UTEP)	1st Day of School (EPISD/YISD) Yoga, 2:00PM Unity Circle, 6:30PM	GraceB4Work, 7:00AM BIRTHDAY Grace Nicholson	Deacons, 6:00PM BIRTHDAY Michael Heim
THU 06	FRI 07	SAT 08	SUN 09
Quilter's Board, 6:00PM	BIRTHDAYS Dianna Rose Sharon Wilkinson Cody Hard		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	

GIVING ONLINE

Offerings can be made online with no fee using Zelle© Find us using our phone number **(915) 755-8206** or email address **office@epgrace.com**.

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—Diane Dye
Collaborative Pianist—Patricia Ann Provencio
Technology—Angel Martinez, Bob Jones & Jim Collins

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