

Bold Text is read or sung by the congregation

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Isaiah 55 | Elder

From north and south and east and west,
all creation sings forth your praises!

**The mountains and the hills burst into song;
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

God's steadfast love never ceases.

With joy and peace, let us worship God together.

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing | No.755

**Alleluia! Laud and blessing
to our God, whose Word is sure;
by whose grace
we find redemption,
in whose love we live secure.**

**Righteousness and rich compassion
shall attend us all our days;
may God's promise to be faithful
echo through our songs of praise!**

**Alleluia! God sustains us;
matchless are the gifts we share:
light in darkness, hope in conflict,
answers to our deepest prayer.**

**Ours to give as we are given:
arms to lift when others fall;
images of God's great goodness,
faithful servants to God's call.**

**Alleluia! Holy Parent,
all your children now reclaim;
may our lives reflect your justice,
heirs to your most sacred name.**

**Fill our hearts with understanding,
brace our weakness by your might;
awesome honor, born in wisdom;
your great glory, our delight!**

"Alleluia! Laud and Blessing"
TEXT: Michael Morgan, 2011 MUSIC: Tochter Zion, 1741
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle your spirit within us — that we might be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. Amen. (*moment of silence for silent prayer of confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE & PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Halle, Halle Hallelujah! | No. 591

REFRAIN:

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (REPEAT)**

**O God, to whom shall we go?
You alone have the words of life.
Let your words be our prayer
and the song we sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah!**

[REFRAIN]

**My sheep hear my voice,
says the Lord.
When I call them they follow me.
I will lead them to rest
by the peaceful streams:
hallelujah, hallelujah!**

[REFRAIN]

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" TEXT: traditional liturgical text
MUSIC: Caribbean melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1990
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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32:22-31 (CEB)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Peace Like a River with Amazing Grace | Grace Choir
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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8 (CEB)

SERMON

| Rev. Cindy Carlisle

*HYMN

**Come, great God of all the ages;
make your earthly mission known;
speak through every deed
and person;
let your way and will be shown.
Guide the church
to true commitment;
give direction now, we ask;
fit us for the work of building;
dedicate us to the task.
Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit,
sure foundation, cornerstone;
help us form the church eternal;
may your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower;
lead all people to your way;
urge us to strong faith and action
as we build the church today.**

Come, Great God of All the Ages | No. 309

**Come, great Spirit, in and with us,
tune our ears to hear your call;
through the moving
of your presence,
let redeeming love recall
Ministry in dedication,
love embodied in our deeds;
challenge us to do your bidding,
see your purpose, fill all needs.
Come, O come, in celebration,
household of the one true God;
in commitment and rejoicing
let us go where Christ has trod;
As we act in faith and reverence,
let us, Lord, the future see;
place us in the church triumphant,
now and for eternity.**

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"
TEXT: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1987 MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. 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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*SENDING HYMN

**You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.**

You Shall Go Out With Joy | No. 80
**And all the trees of the field
will clap their hands;
the trees of the field
will clap their hands;
The trees of the field
will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.**

*CHARGE & BLESSING

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"
TEXT: Steffi Geiser Rubin, 1975 MUSIC: Stuart Dauermann, 1975
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OCT 17-23

Events & Celebrations

MON 17	WED 19	THU 20	SUN 23
Vision Team, 7:30PM	Zoom Bible Study, 12:00PM Session, 6:00PM	Hand Bells, 5:30PM Youth Group, 6:00PM BIRTHDAY Mark Norbeck	Sunday Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship Hour, 11:00AM NA of EP, 3:00PM

Prayers & Concerns

Eric Regis	Missy	Pam Worley
Bob Hedicke	Frances Blankinship	Pat Bryant
Mildred Helm	Mr. Munzinger	Larry Springsteen

Need to add or remove someone from the Prayers/Concerns list? Give us a call at (915) 755-8206 or email us at office@epgrace.com Names will remain on for 30 days, unless we are notified otherwise.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching — Rev. Cindy Carlisle
Pianist—Patricia Provencio
Technology — Bob Jones, JT Thomas, Diane Thomas & Jim Collins

Liturgist —
Choir Director—Brittney Williams

In order to help keep our community safe,
face masks must be worn during worship in the sanctuary.
Please check Grace's weekly email to see our current covid-19 policy.

To make an offering online, please scan the QR Code.
For all offerings given in any form, thank you!



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