



Grace Presbyterian Church
El Paso, Texas

20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026
10:00AM

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CHIMING THE HOUR/TIME OF CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Norbeck

The Lord is good! God's steadfast love endures forever.

From the streets and the byways, God has invited us. We have come to the banquet that has no end.

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Holy God, every day you set a bounty of good things before us. Bring us to your feasting table, hungry for your Living Word, eager to rebuild the cities you have made, and ready to receive strangers so that we may celebrate our life in you.

*OPENING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness | No. 39

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm
MUSIC: William Marion Runyan
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You invite us to your feast, O God, and we often do not come. You ask us to give thanks for all life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made a wonderful earth for us, and we neglect your gifts. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give you glory. 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, the God of peace and the Spirit of feasting and thanksgiving calls all creation to live in unity. 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

Brittney Williams (solo)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 32:1-14

*HYMN

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy | No. 415

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

*Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

*Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

*Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
TEXT: Joseph Hart
MUSIC: Walker's Southern Harmony
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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON

"Chosen" | Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

from *The Confession of 1967*

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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 | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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

God of generous love, we give you thanks for your many blessings and your invitation to dine with each other and with you. Bless these gifts and our lives for the sake of those in need and the work of your church. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table | No. 770

*I'm gonna eat at the welcome table; I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table; I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.*

*I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus; I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus; I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.*

*I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.*

*Here all the world will find a welcome; here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.
Here all the world will find a welcome; here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.*

*We're gonna feast on milk and honey; we're gonna feast on milk and honey, Alleluia.
We're gonna feast on milk and honey; we're gonna feast on milk and honey, Alleluia.*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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

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OCT 11-18

Events & Celebrations

SUN 11	MON 12	TUE 13	WED 14
Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM NA of EP, 3:00PM BIRTHDAY—Drew Hernandez		GraceB4Work, 7:00AM Book Club, 6:00PM	Grief Support EP, 12:00PM Scouts, 6:30PM
THU 15	FRI 16	SAT 17	SUN 18
Cinema & Conversation 1946, 6:00PM	BIRTHDAY Avelina Fenstermacher	Quilter's Workshop, 8:30AM	KIRKING OF THE TARTANS Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM B&G, 11:30AM

Prayers & Concerns

Mildred Helm	Pete McMillan	Jerry Malone	Pat Bryant
Zoomer Roberts	Susan Carr	Mary Province	Mike McMinn
Bob Hedicke	Mary Dunn	Jackie Franco	

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Liturgist—Mark Norbeck
Accompanist/Pianist—Patricia Ann Provencio
Technology—Angel Martinez, Bob Jones
& Jim Collins

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