

Worship for the Lord's Day

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHRISTIAN FORMATION WEEK • RALLY DAY
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PC(USA) TEMPLE TX
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me

ARR. MARTHA MIER

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

BASED ON PSALM 119, ROMANS 13, MATTHEW 18

One: Teach us, O Lord, your ways of grace and mercy,

All: And we will observe them to the end!

One: Remind us, God of our minds, that even if only two or three gather,

All: You reside among us with your whole self.

One: Guide us into the love of all people and things,

All: For love is the fulfillment of your covenant, and the breath in our worship!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Speak, O Lord

WORDS AND MUSIC BY STUART TOWNSEND

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CONFESSION OF SIN

God of love, God of grace, God of this place and space. To you be all glory, love, and tenderness. Life is complicated and we sin and make it weird sometimes, forgive us. It is so easy to focus on the future and past, redirect us to the present. Call us back to right here with you and our siblings. Keep forgiving us, keep reshaping us, loosen our grip on what we hold too tightly, so we may hold the hands of others. Listen to us now O God, as we confess what we need to confess in the silence.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ISAIAH 43

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share signs of Christ's resurrection peace with one another.

*GLORIA PATRI # 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

We Listen for God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 14:19-31

PEW BIBLE P 53

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
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CHORAL SONG

When the Mighty Wind of God

ANDREW DONALDSON
 (BASED ON SPANISH TRADITIONAL SONG)

SERMON

“May God Have This Dance?”

Rev. Colton W. Hedrick

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN (SEE INSERT)

Like Miriam Who Danced to Praise

FAITH DANCE

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COMMISSIONING FOR MINISTRY WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

One: As many of you as were baptized into Christ
 have clothed yourselves with Christ.

GAL. 3:27-28

**All: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free,
 there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.**

One: Lead a life worthy of the calling
 to which you have been called,
 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
 in the bond of peace.
 is one body and one Spirit,
 just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,

EPH. 4:1-6

**All: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is
 above all and through all and in all.**

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

One: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world
 today of what God intends for all humankind.

**All: The great ends of the Church are
 the proclamation of the gospel
 for the salvation of humankind;
 the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship
 of the children of God;
 the maintenance of divine worship;
 the preservation of the truth;
 the promotion of social righteousness;
 and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven
 to the world.**

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QUESTIONS

1. Who is your Lord and Savior?
Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.
2. Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?
I will, with God's help.
3. Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined
 to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of
 the world?
I do.
4. Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love,
 relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?
I will, with God's help.

Do you, members of Grace Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God on these people to serve our church and the city of Temple in the service of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

We will.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who are 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 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.

OFFERING / OFFERTORY *Meditation on "Veni Creator Spiritus"*

ARR. DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of the gifts, tithes, offerings, time, talent, and energy, may what we have gathered today be used in beautiful ways. May it be used to serve the poor, to fill in the gaps left behind by our society, to create space and opportunities for human flourishing. May what we have given be sawdust on the dance floor of life. Amen.

We Go Into the World to Serve

*HYMN # 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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ARR. NIGEL WILLIAMS



THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

2120 Like Miriam Who Danced to Praise

1. Like Mir - i - am who danced to praise the part-ing of the sea, and
 2. Like proph-ets danc - ing to your tune be-fore a roy-al throne, or
 3. Like those who danced with Je - sus Christ un-til his life was done, then

Da - vid who be-fore the ark danced on in ec - sta-sy, God,
 march-ing to a free-dom song or stand-ing firm a-lone, God,
 car - ried on the dance of love that he had just be-gun, God,

pour your spir - it in - to us; fill us with joy as well, that
 send us vi - sions of your will; re - veal to us your Word, that
 fill us with such loy - al - ty and pas-sion for their Friend, that

we may al - so join the dance and all your prais-es tell.
 we may brave-ly dance our role and speak what we have heard.
 we may fol - low in their steps to joy that has no end.

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