

The Holy Way Presbyterian Church



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September 22, 2024 9:30am
Pastor Diane Christopher

Prelude: Dr. Astrid Chan

Kingdom Seekers
(Sunday School for Ages 4-12) Miss Kathy

Welcome to Worship: Pastor Diane
Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: Worship Leader Phil Hollis

Leader: Be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.

**People: Our Lord is God, who created us; and we are the people of his
grace.**

Leader: Come into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

People: Let God purge our hearts to bless his holy name.

Hymn: *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing* (Hymn #475) Phil Hollis

Announce Birthdays and Anniversaries Ray Weathers
Sing Happy Birthday/Anniversary

If you would like to participate in our tradition of celebrating your birthday or anniversary by giving money towards the church improvements, music department, or children's ministry, please waive your hand, or stand up and your donation will be received in the basket!

Celebrations, Joys and Concerns Pastor Diane
The People of the Congregation Share Joys and Concerns
(Someone will bring the microphone to you)

...The Lord's Prayer

People: 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

4 Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” **5** He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

6 Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

7 He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”

8 But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

9 So the LORD said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.”

10 Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. **11** Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

17 When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. **18** On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi[e] of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: “What’s so Amazing About Grace?” Pastor Diane

Affirmation of Faith: Pastor Diane

2 Timothy 1:19 says, “God saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

People: We are humbled by God’s grace.

Ephesians 2:8 says, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”

People: We receive the gift of grace with joy.

Ephesians 1:7 says, "In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavishes on us."

People: Lavish your grace on us!

Romans 8:38-39 says, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

People: We respond with thanksgiving for God's amazing grace that can never be taken away!

Sending Hymn: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (Hymn #649) Phil Hollis

Benediction: Romans 15:13 Pastor Diane

Song: *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Congregation

Postlude: Dr. Astrid Chan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Today, September 22nd,** Fellowship on your own. Perhaps invite someone to lunch or for coffee?

***Today, September 22nd,** the Buildings & Grounds Committee will meet after worship in the Conference Room.

***Tuesday, October 1st,** our new Interim Pastor, Pastor Elizabeth will start in the office. Join us on **Sunday, October 6th** for Refreshments and cake to celebrate our new ministry with her.

***Sunday, October 6th,** we will celebrate World Communion Sunday also known as Peace & Global Witness- Special Offering (please see attached brochure). Please earmark your donation as "Peace" for this special Offering.

***Join us Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.** for Bible study in the Conference Room. There are often goodies to share!

***Love to Sing? Join the Choir!** Choir Rehearsals are Thursdays 10:45 am -11:45 am.

-Pick up a **Newsletter** in the Lobby for a complete schedule of the life and events at The Holy Way-

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

THANKSGIVING

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joo bá diits' a'
 yisdáshítínigí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shéndáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da ní't'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be

With God as our father

Christians all are we

Let us walk with each other

In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me

Let this be the moment now

With every step I take

Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment

And live each moment

In peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me



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IT ADDS UP
TO A LOT!**



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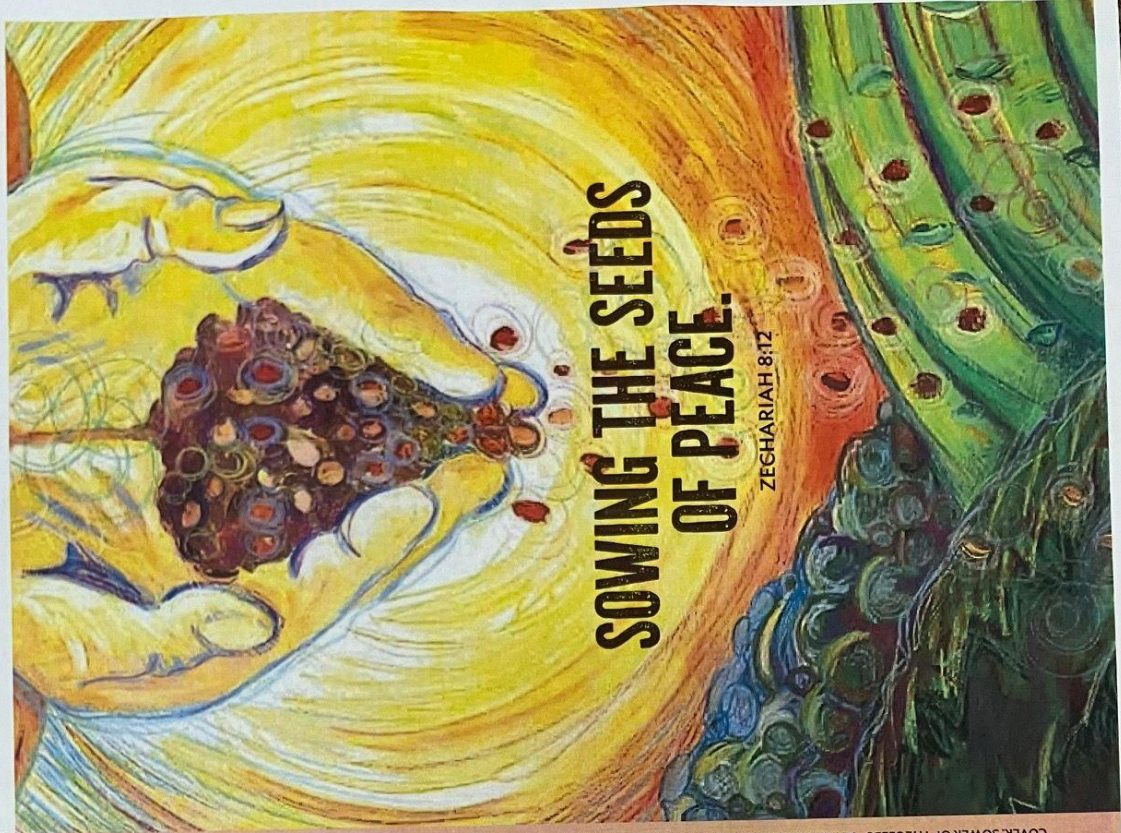
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The newly launched Central America Migration Mission Network addresses the roots of violence, and sows seeds of peace in people's hearts and minds, in public policy and in local communities.



The cost of doing laundry, on top of other basic necessities, was driving Linda's family and other families deeper into poverty. And so began the Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro, PA's, "Fresh Start: Loads of Love" program, funded in part by a grant received from the Presbytery of Carlisle's portion of the Peace & Global Witness Offering.



Motivated by a commitment to the healing and repair of Indigenous nations and communities, participants in a travel study seminar learned about Native American experiences; and the implications of the Doctrine of Discovery, which gave Christian European governments the religious and legal justification to claim lands occupied by Indigenous peoples.

Visit pcusa.org/peace-global/resources for more information.



Our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering are helping our neighbors in need — those who live next door, down the street, and across the globe.

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25%

of this Offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.

50%

of this Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Our neighbors need us. Please give what you can to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

Thank you!

PHOTOS — TOP: COMING TOGETHER MFR; CENTER: LOADS OF LOVE; BOTTOM: CARL HORTON