November 8, 2026

We welcome to the pulpit today, Rev. Dr. Paul Koptak as Guest Pastor.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE
GATHERING MUSIC

Rick & Andrea Croskery

"Peace Like a River"

1. I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

2. I've got joy like a fountain

3. I've got love like an ocean.

"Grace Alone" Scott Wesley Brown, Jeff Nelson

1. Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind is only by his grace.
{Refrain}
Grace alone which God supplies,
strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
We will go forth in grace alone.
2. Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise, is only by his grace. *{Refrain}*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE Fanfare on "America, the Beautiful" arr. Matthew Corl
Diane Combs

CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive from Psalm 100:1-3

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD all the lands!
People: Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Leader: Know that the LORD is God!
People: It is he that made us, and we are his;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

***OPENING HYMN "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**
Hymn #35

INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *in unison*
Mighty and merciful God, from many lands you have brought us together. Through many conflicts you have created in us a love of peace and liberty. Forgive us where we have failed you, neglecting others' rights and restricting their freedoms. Forgive our complacency and pride that overlooks injustice. Have mercy, God, on us and on our land. Heal divisions, and help us to be a compassionate, fair, and generous people. Awaken in us a passion for the good of this nation and the world.
Through Jesus Christ the Lord, *Amen.*

:: A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION ::

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND MISSION, *responsive*
(based on the PCUSA Confession of 1967)

Leader: Our mission is the mission of Jesus Christ
He lived as an ordinary human being.
People: We will care for the common life of Humanity.
Leader: He served men and women.
People: We are committed to working for human well-being in all its forms.
Leader: He suffered.
People: We will see the face of Christ in the faces of suffering people.
Leader: He was crucified.
People: We will reject and oppose injustice and refuse to be complicit in it.
Leader: He rose from the dead and will come again.
People: We will live with the hope that God will renew humanity and will be victorious over all wrong.
Leader: Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and promised return will be our pattern of life and service.
People: We confess Christ in our words and will confess him through our lives of service.

:: PASSING THE PEACE ::

And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God, we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God's command to love and forgive one another.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM: "Breath of Peace" arr. Sean Paul
Sanctuary Choir Sarah Cifani, flute

FIRST SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-23 *David Crane*

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Psalm 120:1-7

SERMON: "As For Me, Peace"
Rev. Dr. Paul Koptak

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE, *seated*
"O God of Every Nation"
Hymn #756

:: Prayers of the People ::

THE 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.*

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" Mark Hayes
Diane Combs

***DOXOLOGY**
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION,** *in unison*
Receive these offerings, we pray, Lord God,
which we joyfully present, receiving your Spirit of peace, so that through them our life may always be directed to your service, whether in tribulation or in prosperity.
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***CLOSING HYMN "Let There Be Peace On Earth"**
Sy Miller, Jill Jackson

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 our creator, children 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.

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
"Go In the Grace of the Lord" James Barnard

Go in the Grace of the Lord.
Walk in the way of His Word.
Stand in the strength of His promises,
And believe in your heart they are true.

Sit at the feet of the Savior.
Pray in the power of the Spirit.
Rise and run the race with patience,
And go in the Grace of the Lord.

***POSTLUDE** "Trumpet Tune" David Lasky
Diane Combs

* Please stand as you are able for these portions of the service

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in the sanctuary this morning
are the gift of
Sherry Blount
to honor and in memory of
those who served our country.

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Please stay on after worship for
coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.