



+ Gloria (Hymn 582) *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**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.**

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WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Acts 1:6-14 (NRSVUE)

So when they had come together, the disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

One: O God, rise up, and let your enemies be scattered; let those who hate you flee before you.

As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.

**All: But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.**

**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; lift up a song to the One who rides upon  
the clouds—the name of our God is the LORD—rejoice before the LORD!**

One: Parent of orphans and protector of widows is God in heaven's holy habitation.

God gives the desolate a home to live in and leads out the prisoners to prosperity,  
but the rebellious live in a parched land.

**All: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,  
the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God,  
the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

One: Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;  
your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

**All: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,  
O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, God's voice thunders forth, a mighty voice.**

One: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel;  
and whose power is in the skies.

**All: Awesome is God in the holy places!  
The God of Israel giving power and strength to the chosen people. Blessed be God!**

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O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, the Lord sends out a mighty voice.

**All: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel and whose power is in the skies.  
Awesome is God in God's sanctuary, the God of Israel,  
who gives power and strength to the chosen people. Blessed be God!**

John 17:1-11 (NRSVUE)

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ,

whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Carla Pratt Keyes

***What is one way you feel called to carry on the work of Jesus?***

*Consider phrases from our next hymn: ministries of grace; the art of sharing; caring, reconciling; blending human skills together; bearing each other's burdens; breaking down walls; speaking words of comfort, vision, or challenge; bringing power and strength for action; working for freedom and fairness; surrounding sorrow with calm; increasing compassion; giving hope, confidence, and peace.*

+ Hymn 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

+ Affirmation of Faith

[adapted from the Iona Community]

**We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all people everywhere.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of compassion, he died forsaken; he descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb; he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present; and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life.**

+ Somos Uno (Hymn 322)

***We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together.***

***Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.***

***We share one God, one mighty Lord, one abiding faith, one binding love,***

***One single baptism, one Holy Comforter, the Holy Spirit, uniting all.***

Prayers of the People

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Offering



*Everyone is invited to place tithes, offerings, visitor cards,  
or any other communications to the Pastor or staff  
in the designated wall boxes beside each door at the back of the Sanctuary  
or signal an usher to bring you the offering plate.*

*Monetary gifts and pledges to GPPC may also be given online at <https://www.ginterparkpc.org/giving>,  
or by using the QR Code to the left.*

Offertory

Above All Praise

Felix Mendelssohn

*Above all praise and all majesty. Lord, Thou reignest evermore. Hallelujah.*

+ Doxology (Hymn 607)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.***

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.**

SENDING

+ Hymn *Reamo Leboga*

as taught by Daisy Nsakazongwe, Botswana



1. We give our thanks\_\_\_ to God, we give our thanks to God, we give our  
2. We give our hands\_\_\_ to you, we give our hands to you, we give our  
3. We give our feet\_\_\_ to you, we give our feet to you, we give our  
4. We give our hearts\_\_\_ to you, we give our hearts to you, we give our  
5. *Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo*



thanks to God, we give our thanks to God.  
hands to you, be - cause you reached for us.  
feet to you, be - cause you walk with us.  
hearts to you, be - cause you first loved us.  
*le - bo - ga, mo - di - mo wa ro - na.*

+ Charge and Blessing

+ The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

+ Postlude

From *L'Ascension*

Olivier Messiaen

*Transports de joie d'une âme devant la gloire du Christ qui est la sienne* (conclusion)

("Outbursts of joy from a soul before the glory of Christ which is its own glory")

"Giving thanks unto the Father which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light...has raised us up together and make us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus"–

Colossians 1:12 and Ephesians 2:6

**GPPC members, please stay for a brief meeting to receive the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee and elect new officers. Bios are in the Narthex. Nominees are:**

for Session: Gavin Mauritsen (*1 yr renewable*) and Jack Pullen (*1 yr*); Dawn DeVries (*2 yr with option to extend*); and Shannon Dunfee, Dan Jordanger, Makara Meth, and Tobias Smith (*3-year terms*);

for the Endowment Foundation Board: Jack Angert, Katie Dunkelberger, and Amy Spencer (*3-year terms*)

as Trustee: Alan Chudoba (*3-year term*)

for the 2027 CNC: Rubén Arjona, Laura Middlebrooks, Sarah Ramseur, and B Rose.

ABOUT WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: GPPC's Pastor is Carla Pratt Keyes, and our Director of Music is Doug Brown. Today's lector is Glenna Finnicum. The livestream operator is Bob Roybark. Owen Sharman is lead usher.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT HYMNS are available from an usher in the Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS about events in the life of GPPC are available through a weekly e-newsletter. If you would like to be added to the distribution, please contact Karen Mitscherlich at [ginterparkpc@gmail.com](mailto:ginterparkpc@gmail.com).

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