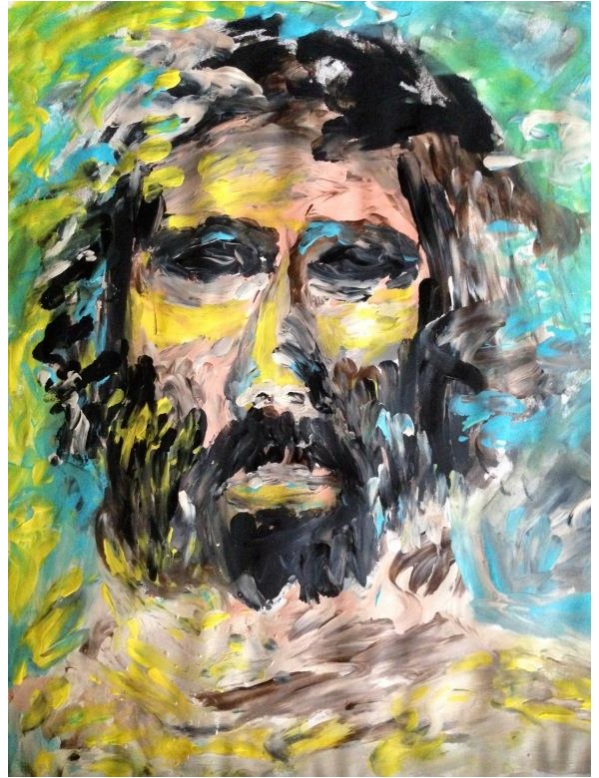


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PRELUDE NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing aloud with gladness:
God is gathering the people!
From the farthest parts of the earth we come:
All who struggle; all who labor with new life!
Those who are weeping, God will console;
Those who get lost find a clear path home.
Let us worship the God who gathers us!

*HYMN "Morning Has Broken"

#664

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The God of mercy hears our cries. Let us confess our failings and needs to each other and to the one who commands us to come and be healed. Let us pray:

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see our need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be yours. In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to others and to your earth. Forgive us for turning away from your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves.

Healer of all people, we lift our hearts and souls to you, that through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we might find your grace, discover your love, and serve your people in your name.

Silent Prayer

Take heart: God hears our prayers.

Get up: God has healed our brokenness.

Listen: God calls to us with hope, with forgiveness, with life.

Through Christ, God forgives us our failings, and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness. Alleluia! Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Laura Holleman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Mark 10:46-52

SERMON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God

whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,

whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,

whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all,

and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust;

And, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others,

to seek justice and to live in peace,

to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,

to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love,

and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.

***HYMN "Open the Eyes of My Heart"**

#452

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Ralph Truskowski

AN OFFERING OF GIFTS

Our ancestors in faith and church-building show us the way to share the gifts God has given us with the whole community. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God with heartfelt gratitude, commitment and praise.

ANTHEM

-Harper Estes

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Please come to the microphone or text the pastor with your prayer requests – 528-5903)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

*HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

#451

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE

– Harper Estes

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Flowers today are given by Mark, Violet, Calvin and Isaac to the Glory of God in honor of Susan Singh's Birthday. Happy Birthday!

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The people of Grace Presbyterian Church gather to seek and to worship God, and disperse, sharing and celebrating through love and service, the grace of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to you as you worship with us today! You honor us by your presence and we give thanks for you. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to make your church home with us. For more information about uniting with this church, please contact Pastor Cheryl Homsher through the church office (684-6542) or Assisting Elder, Bob Dawson.

TRUNK OR TREAT

We will be having Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on Sunday, October 31, 6-8 pm. We need folks to volunteer to decorate their Trunks, and hand out candy – please sign up at the narthex table. This is always lots of fun! Also, we welcome donations of candy to distribute.

CIRCUIT RIDERS

Occasionally some of our elders are asked to lead worship and preach in area churches that are currently without a pastor, or when the pastor is away. Please keep them in your prayers as they share the good news, and share their gifts in this way. Preaching elsewhere today:
Bob Alexander - First Presbyterian, Pecos

"WHAT MY GRANDMOTHERS TAUGHT ME"

We will be offering a new women's Bible Study with this title; we meet once a month, the first Thursday of the month at 4:30, in person and by Zoom. Study books are available in the church office.

CALENDAR

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>Adult Sunday School</u>	<u>10/24 9:30 am</u>	<u>Adult Sunday School Room/ZOOM</u>
<u>Children's Sunday School</u>	<u>10/24 10:15 am</u>	<u>Kid's Sunday School Room</u>
<u>Worship</u>	<u>10/24 11:00 am</u>	<u>Sanctuary/ZOOM/Facebook Live</u>
<u>BOO Boxes</u>	<u>10/24</u>	<u>Koinonia Room</u>
<u>Zoomers</u>	<u>10/25 3:00 pm</u>	<u>ZOOM</u>
<u>Celebration! Handbell Choir Rehearsal</u>	<u>10/26 7:00 pm</u>	<u>Bell Choir Room</u>
<u>Soul Sisters</u>	<u>10/27 2:00 pm</u>	<u>Manor Park/ Ann W's</u>
<u>Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</u>	<u>10/27 7:00 pm</u>	<u>Choir Room</u>
	<u><i>Bulletin Information Due</i></u>	<u><i>10/27</i></u>
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