

"I surely rejoice  
in the Lord;"

Isaiah 61:10 CEB

Grace Presbyterian Church  
Fort Wayne, IN

Sunday Online Worship

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Community Worship on Zoom

Livestream/Replay on Facebook

# Sunday Online Worship Service – January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*How can we pray for you?*

*Let us know at [prayerrequests@gpcfw.org](mailto:prayerrequests@gpcfw.org) or in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!*

*We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in **\*BOLD\*** with us from your homes!*

## 10:00 – Zoom Meeting and Facebook Livestream Start

*Join us for a chat in the Zoom Meeting before the service!*

## 10:25 – Zoom Fellowship Ends/Pre-Recorded Prelude

## 10:30 – Live Prelude Starts

Sue Creager

## Welcome

Pastor Rob Brown

## Call to Worship – Psalm 139:1-3 ESV

Jim Wolf

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

**You discern my thoughts from afar.**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

**You search out my path and my lying down**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

**And are acquainted with all my ways.**

## Opening Hymn

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession – Borrowed from Women’s Uncommon Prayers

I come to you, [God], and beg your forgiveness for my sins. I have turned inward and away from you, your mercy and loving kindness. I repent of my sins, known and unknown. Lead me from the sin of judging others into your peace. Empower me with your Holy Spirit to love and serve all people. Help me to pattern my behavior so that all may see your image through my life. May I shine forth as the light of Christ in the world. Revive your church, Lord Jesus, beginning with me!

*Time of Silent Prayer and Confession*

We ask this in Christ’s name and for Christ’s sake. **Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ...you are forgiven

**Passing the Peace**

Leader: The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

Leader: Let us take a moment, wave to each other on Zoom, send a message of peace to each other on Facebook, and invite the peace of Christ into our worship.

*Zoom Users: If you are able, make sure your webcam is on and you are set to "Gallery View"*

**Time of Music and Meditation**

Sue Creager

**Prayer for Illumination**

Jim Wolf

**Children's Message**

Pastor Rob Brown

**Hebrew Lesson:** 1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-25a

Jim Wolf

<sup>12</sup> Now Eli's sons were despicable men who didn't know the Lord. <sup>13</sup> This was how the priest was supposed to act with the people: Whenever anyone made a sacrifice, while the meat was boiling, the priest's assistant would come with a three-pronged fork in hand. <sup>14</sup> He would thrust it into the cauldron or the pot, whatever the fork brought up, the priest would take for himself. This is how it was done for all the Israelites who came to Shiloh.

<sup>15</sup> But with Eli's sons, even before the fat was burned, the priest's assistant would come and say to the person offering the sacrifice, "Give the priest some meat to roast. He won't accept boiled meat from you." <sup>16</sup> If anyone said, "Let the fat be burned off first, as usual, then take whatever you like for yourself," the assistant would reply, "No, hand it over now. If not, I'll take it by force." <sup>17</sup> The sin of these priestly assistants was very serious in the Lord's sight because they were disrespecting the Lord's own offering.

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<sup>22</sup> Eli was very old, but he heard everything his sons were doing to the Israelites, and how they had sex with the women who served at the meeting tent's entrance. <sup>23</sup> Eli said to his sons, "Why are you doing these terrible things that I'm hearing about from everybody?" <sup>24</sup> No, my sons. Don't do this. <sup>24</sup> The report I hear spreading among God's people isn't good. <sup>25</sup> If someone sins against someone else, God can intercede; but if someone sins against the Lord, who will intercede then?"

**Hebrew Lesson:** Mark 1:4-11 CEB

Pastor Rob Brown

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the boy Samuel was serving the Lord under Eli. The Lord's word was rare at that time, and visions weren't widely known. <sup>2</sup> One day Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room. <sup>3</sup> God's lamp hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was lying down in the Lord's temple, where God's chest was.

<sup>4</sup> The Lord called to Samuel. "I'm here," he said.

<sup>5</sup> Samuel hurried to Eli and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

"I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go lie down." So he did.

<sup>6</sup> Again the Lord called Samuel, so Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

"I didn't call, my son," Eli replied. "Go and lie down."

(<sup>7</sup> Now Samuel didn't yet know the Lord, and the Lord's word hadn't yet been revealed to him.)

<sup>8</sup> A third time the Lord called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

Then Eli realized that it was the Lord who was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> So Eli said to Samuel, "Go and lie down. If he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down where he'd been.

<sup>10</sup> Then the Lord came and stood there, calling just as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel said, "Speak. Your servant is listening."

<sup>11</sup> The Lord said to Samuel, "I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of all who hear it tingle! <sup>12</sup> On that day, I will bring to pass against Eli everything I said about his household—every last bit of it! <sup>13</sup> I told him that I would punish his family forever because of the wrongdoing he knew about—how his sons were cursing God, but he wouldn't stop them. <sup>14</sup> Because of that I swore about Eli's household that his family's wrongdoing will never be reconciled by sacrifice or by offering."

<sup>15</sup> Samuel lay there until morning, then opened the doors of the Lord's house. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup> But Eli called Samuel, saying: "Samuel, my son!"

"I'm here," Samuel said.

<sup>17</sup> "What did he say to you?" Eli asked. "Don't hide anything from me. May God deal harshly with you and worse still if you hide from me a single word from everything he said to you." <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him.

"He is the Lord," Eli said. "He will do as he pleases."

<sup>19</sup> So Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not allowing any of his words to fail. <sup>20</sup> All Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was trustworthy as the Lord's prophet.

**Sermon**

Pastor Rob Brown

**Hymn**

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**Affirmation of Faith**

Pastor Rob Brown

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor Rob Brown

**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.**

**A Word on Offering**

Jim Wolf

**Offertory**

Sue Creager

**Announcements**

Jim Wolf

**Closing Hymn**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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**Charge and Benediction**

Pastor Rob Brown

**Postlude**

**Worship Leaders and Technology Help:**

**Vocal Musician:** Cathy German

**Instrumental Musician:** Sue Creager

**Lay Leader:** Jim Wolf

**Technology:** Todd German and Brian Zimmerman

## Announcements:

**Annual Reports:** The new year here, and so your annual reports are needed! 2020 was...interesting...to say the least, and reports will probably look different than other years. If you need help – or need to know if you are one who need to create an annual report – please let Holly or Pastor Rob know!

**Zoom Fellowship:** Coffee Fellowship Thursday at 11! And help Pastor Rob come up with other remote fellowship ideas!

**Pastoral Care:** If you have a pastoral care emergency – especially if you end up in the hospital – and would like a visit, please let Pastor Rob know. He received his first round of the vaccine on Friday and really misses providing pastoral care. Masks and social distancing will still apply. Also, phone calls work, too; call his cell at (260) 267-5367 to chat!

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**January 17<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Rob Brown's Birthday

**January 17<sup>th</sup>:** Cathy German's Birthday

**January 17<sup>th</sup>:** Don and Dee Stoiche's Anniversary

**January 18<sup>th</sup>:** Albert and Glenda Bragalone's Anniversary

**January 21<sup>st</sup>:** Gene and Vivian Allen's Anniversary

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Vivian Allen's Birthday

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Tim Bauman's Birthday

## Prayer Requests

Prayers for our nation as we reckon with the attack on the Capitol and the effects of decades of division and stoking hatred against the other.

Continued struggles with the pandemic, including isolation and mental health concerns.

# Zoom Instructions

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:00 for fellowship time; the service starts at 10:30.

## Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

## Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468

***Password:*** 030414

## Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

***Phone Number:*** (301) 715-8592

***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468

***Password:*** 030414

*If you have any questions before Sunday, can call Pastor Rob at (260) 267-5367*

## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*

## KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;

Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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FORGIVENESS

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We Are Forgiven

G Am D7 Gsus G C  
 We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
 G Am7 Dsus D G Am  
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.  
 D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G  
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995  
 Music © 1995 Hal H. Hopson

WE ARE FORGIVEN  
 10.8.10.8

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## Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874  
 MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827

HENDON  
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## Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878  
 MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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