

Penningtonville Presbyterian Church Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 28, 2022

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Dan Miller

Gathering Words

Pastor Eric

*Hymn Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see

Verse 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

Chorus My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace Verse 3 The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love, Amazing Grace

Verse 4 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine But God who called me here below Will be forever mine Will be forever mine You are forever mine

*Call to and Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Time of confession in silence

*Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

Pastor Eric

*Hymn Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord

Chorus Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You I want to see You

Verse To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy Chorus Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You I want to see You

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Bridge Holy holy holy (x3) I want to see You

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

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Scripture Reading Acts 16:11-15

Sermon God's No and God's Go

Responding to the Word

Musical Interlude

Krystal Bells

Blessing of the Backpacks

The Prayers of God's People and Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Generosity

*Doxology: #592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Time for Announcements & Sharing

*Hymn # 339 Be Thou My Vision

*Benediction

Postlude

*indicates please stand, if able







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