



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2018 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "Sarabande" Teleman
Today's organ music (and much of our organ music in January) is being performed on the Arp Schnitger setting. Arp Schnitger was a highly influential Northern German organ builder who lived from 1648-1719.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Fred Holbrook
(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: The Word became flesh and lived among us,
All: and we have seen his glory.
One: To all who received him,
All: he gave power to become children of God.
One: As God's children, we are to be dedicated and committed.
All: We are committed to ministries of compassion, witness, and service. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" BEACH SPRING

COME AS A CHILD
*(Children, ages 4 through 1st grade, may go to **Awakening to Worship**, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. Our Nursery welcomes young children and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing.)*

Sing (157, v. 1) "I Danced in the Morning" LORD OF THE DANCE
*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

PRAYER FOR ORDINATION DAY (*unison*)
Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church that we may be, for you, a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world. Sustain the church in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another. Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be effective servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adapted from *The Confession of Belhar*
We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
One: May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone.
All: And also with you and all others!
(Let us greet one another with expressions of love.)

*HYMN 693 "Though I May Speak" GIFT OF LOVE

COMMISSIONING OF MAYA QUICHÉ GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP TEAM
Jo Randolph, Jan Cummings, Jane Knoche, Dave Pack, and Janice Spence

*Equipping People to Develop and Share a
Faith That Works in Real Life*

SUNG PRAYER "An Offering" Music by Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir Words by Eileen Berry
Kat Mason, flute – Celia Nicholas & Edwin Fukunaga, clarinets
*O Christ, who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld,
but poured forth your redeeming blood in love unparalleled;
What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss
that I may taste the fellowship that brings me near the cross.
Why should I cling to gifts you give? Why grasp in foolish pride
what you who gave yourself for me now bid me lay aside?
To know you is my highest gain, worth any sacrifice,
a treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price.*

*Yet if behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost,
teach me nothing offered you is ever truly lost.
A hundred-fold reward awaits in one glimpse of your face,
my sacrifice forgotten in the riches of your grace.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 113:1-9 Dave Pack
(Old Testament, Page 563)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 2:1-11
(New Testament, Page 93)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Faithful Servants" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION – OFFICE OF DEACON (Class of 2020)
Barb Brown, Johnnie Baker, Margery Erckert, Anita Hadel, David Steen

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC "Ayre" Teleman

*HYMN 69 "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM, LORD (Schutte)

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fuga in C" J.S. Bach
Linda Dover, organ

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