



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2018 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "Fantasy in C Major" J.S. Bach
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: Sing to the Lord a new song;
All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.
One: For God alone my soul waits in silence.
**All: Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.
Let us worship God.**

*HYMN 170 "You Walk Along Our Shoreline"
WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

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 OF CONFESSION (*unison*)
God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You call on us to change our lives, yet we do not heed your warning. You give us good news to share, yet we remain stubborn and silent. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to repent and follow you, bearing witness to the good news that your holy realm is near; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: Those who trust in God will renew their strength.
**All: They will run and not be weary, they will walk and not faint.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*) (*Adapted from the Confession of 1967*)
God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. 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 695 "Change My Heart, O God" CHANGE MY HEART

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

SUNG TESTIMONY "I Will Arise" arr. Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir Words by Joseph Hart
*Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r.
Come ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify.
True belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.
I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jonah 3:1-5 John Gilbert
(Old Testament, Page 860)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 1:12-20
(New Testament, Page 34)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The First Steps: Repentance" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC Johann Pachelbel
"Fantasia"

*HYMN 721 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"
PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude in G Major" G.F. Handel
Linda Dover, organ

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