



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

February 3, 2019

11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "Sonata in G Major (K. 328)" Domenico Scarlatti
Linda Dover, organ

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: God alone is our refuge and hope,
ALL: Our shelter and protection. From our very first breath to our last, God's love and compassion never fails.
One: So come, lift your voices in praise to God. Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love. Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.

*HYMN 722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" CANONBURY

COME AS A CHILD
(Afterwards, children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship service. Greeters will meet the children at the back of the sanctuary and go to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up children when worship is over.)

Sing 486, v. 4 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"
Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsive)*

Waiting God, you know us all too well. We listen to this episode in the life of Jesus. We hear the astonishment of the people gathered in worship as Jesus proclaims the mandate and scope of his ministry. It is what they had hoped for and also what they have feared.

Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to affect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*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 162 "O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench" LEWIS-TOWN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Marco Conti
(New Testament, Page 175)

SUNG TESTIMONY "I Love to Tell the Story" by W. Fischer, arr. J. Leavitt
Chancel Choir Words by Kathleen Hankey
*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story; tis pleasant to repeat what seems,
each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem
hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:21-30
(New Testament, Page 61)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Be a NiCad" Rev. Sue Trigger

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC
"Loving Spirit" OMNI DIL
Linda Dover, organ arr. Emma Lou Diemer

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Marco Conti

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
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.

The Words of Institution
The Sharing of the Bread and Cup
*When passing the bread say: "The bread of life given for you."
When passing the wine/juice say: "The cup of hope poured out for you."
Responses may be: "Thanks be to God," "Amen," or "Alleluia." (Trays contain red wine and white grape juice. For a gluten-free option, notify an usher and an elder will bring them to you.)*

Communion of the People
Communion Music
"The Lone, Wild Bird" PROSPECT
arr. Emma Lou Diemer
"Repton" arr. Richard Pantcheff

Prayer After Communion

*HYMN 749 "Come! Live in the Light!" WE ARE CALLED

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" FOREST GREEN
Linda Dover, organ arr. David Lowe

**If convenient/able, please stand.*

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