



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2018 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "Nimrod from 'Enigma Variations'" Edward Elgar
arr. Alan Ridout

THE LIGHT ENTERS Conor Schesser (age 7)

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP Conor Schesser
One: Sing to the Lord a new song;
All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.
One: Do all things for the sake of the gospel.
All: So may we share in the blessings of God. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 792 "There Is a Balm in Gilead" BALM IN GILEAD

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 (114, v. 4) "Away in a Manger"
*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

PRAYER OF THANKS (*unison*) by Bradley Stromberg (age 8)
Dear God, I am thankful for you and all others. Thank you for all the gifts you have given me. Thank you for my friends and family. Help me be a better friend and helper. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*) from the Brief Statement of Faith, P.C.(U.S.A.)
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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 177 "I Will Come to You" YOU ARE MINE
Darryl & Rebecca Prater, verses
Congregation, refrain on cue
Katie Hearn, flute, Bob Dover, clarinet & Fred Holbrook, guitar

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

SUNG ADORATION "How Beautiful" by Twila Paris
Chancel Choir arr. Bruce Greer
*How beautiful the hands that served the wine & the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.
How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.
And as he laid down his life we offer this sacrifice,
that we will live just as he died – willing to pay the price.
How beautiful the radiant bride who waits for her Groom with his light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give the fruit of pure lives so that others my live!
How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King!
How beautiful the hands that served the wine & the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful!! How beautiful is the body of Christ.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 40:21-31 Cheryl Johnson
(Old Testament, Page 668)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 1:29-39
(New Testament, Page 35)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON Fred Holbrook
"The First Steps: Healing, Prayer, and Proclamation"

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC
"Prelude on 'Repton'" Richard Pantcheff

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
The Invitation to the Table
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*) by Jane Prestridge (age 8)
Dear God, thank you for Jesus and his love, peace, and hope. You taught us how to love and we thank you for all that you do. We celebrate thanks because it tells us to love what is given and to say thank you to those who have given it to us, which will brighten up their day and make them happy. So now we honor Jesus in communion. We remember the Last Supper when Jesus broke the bread and said "This is my body." Then he drank the wine and said, "This is my blood." God, thank you for bringing peace to the world. Amen.

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 Music
"Gymnopedie No. 1" Erik Satie; arr. Alan Ridout
"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Robert Lau
Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 301 "Let Us Build a House" TWO OAKS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Phillip Lane
Linda Dover, organ

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