



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" arr. Ken Denton
Linda Dover, organ

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

GREETINGS FROM HEARTLAND CENTER Michael Megraw

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
All: slow to anger and abounding in love.
One: God's promise is for all generations;
All: God's covenant is with every living thing. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 170 "You Walk along Our Seashore"
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 (482, v. 3) "Baptized in Water" BUNNESAN
*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*
God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You have claimed us in your covenant, yet we forget your steadfast love. You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean, once again, so that we may return to you and follow your way; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(unison)*
One: In this season of Lent, we are more fully aware of our shortcomings and our sin.
All: We know that "the sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart."
One: We know it is only through God's amazing grace that we are forgiven and free. So, sisters and brothers, declare the good news with me.
All: In Jesus Christ, our shortcomings are forgiven; our sin is washed away. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. 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 719 "Come Labor On" ORA LABORA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

SUNG PRAYER "The Narrow Way" Music by K. Lee Scott
Chancel Choir Words by John Cennick, alt.

*Be near me, Lord, where-e'er I go; Teach me what you would have me do;
Direct what-e'er I think or say; And lead me in the narrow way.
Prevent me, lest I harbor pride, lest I in my own strength confide;
Show me my weakness, let me see I have my pow'r, my all in thee.
Assist and teach me how to pray; Incline my nature to obey;
What you abhor, oh, let me flee, and only love what pleases thee.
Be near me, Lord, where-e'er I go; Teach me what you would have me do;
Direct what-e'er I think or say; And lead me in the narrow way.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8 Meredith Watson
(Old Testament, Page 635)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 5:1-11
(New Testament, Page 62)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Peter's Call" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC "Intercession" Roger Wright

*HYMN 720 "Jesus Calls Us" GALILEE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Bouree from 'Water Music'" G.F. Handel
Linda Dover, organ

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