



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018 8:50am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

*SINGING Come, Now Is the Time to Worship by Brian Doerksen
Forever by Chris Tomlin

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: One day, Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"
All: Today, Jesus asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"
One: A disciple answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
All: When Jesus asks us, we believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. In that spirit of profession of faith, let us worship God.

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

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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH *(unison)* (From *The Confession of 1967*)
In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all people.

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humanity. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

The risen Christ is the Savior for all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

The same Jesus Christ is the judge of all people. His judgment discloses the ultimate seriousness of life and gives promise of God's final victory over the power of sin and death. To receive life from the risen Lord is to have life eternal; to refuse life from him is to choose the death which is separation from God. All who put their trust in Christ face divine judgment without fear, for the judge is their redeemer. 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.)

*SINGING 10,000 Reasons by Chris Tomlin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 16:13-20 Melanie Townsend
(New Testament, Page 18)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Peter's Confession" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS & MUSIC
"A Living Prayer" by Ron Block
Terri Monrad, vocals – Christopher Callender, guitar
Dave Berry, bass guitar & Daniel Cole, djembe
*In your love I find release; a haven from my unbelief.
Take my life and let me be a living prayer my God to thee.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
The Invitation to the Table
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.
The Words of Institution
The Sharing of the Bread and Cup
(The congregation will come forward, stopping at the chancel steps to receive communion by intinction. Take a piece of bread and then move to where the chalice is. Dip your bread into the cup when it is presented to you. Then return to your seat by way of the side aisles. The chalice on your right contains white grape juice while the one on your left contains red wine. If you prefer not to move, or prefer a gluten-free option, notify an usher and an elder will bring the elements to you.)
Communion Music
Prayer after Communion

*SINGING Open the Eyes of My Heart by Paul Baloche

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
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