



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE Linda Dover

THE LIGHT ENTERS Nadine Peck

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION The Rev. Miriam Tyler Mauritzen
Serious Juju Skateboard Ministry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
All: slow to anger and abounding in love.
One: Our faith depends upon the grace of God.
All: Praise the Lord, who gives life and light to those in darkness. Let us worship God!

*HYMN 450 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE
(The children are invited to come forward on the final stanza.)

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 288, sung twice "Spirit of the Living God" LIVING GOD
*Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.*

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. You provide our daily bread; still we hunger for other things. You give your word to guide us; still we surrender to temptation. Forgive us, God of grace. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

*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 444 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" DETROIT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

SUNG CALL "Come Away" by Ken Medema
Chancel Choir – Bob Dover, director
*Come away for a little time apart, for the changing of the heart; come away.
Come away to a taste so bittersweet, where hope and heartache meet; come away.
Here is light to light the darkest maze, here is song to fill the pathless days.
Here is call among the crowded ways.
Bread of Life, wine of happiness and tears, faithfulness and fears,
this feast awaits you here; come away.*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 1 Gay Lee Ludwig-Bonney
(Old Testament, Page 489)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 8:31–38
(New Testament, Page 44)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Melt Me" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC Linda Dover

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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."
(The trays contain red wine and white grape juice. If you prefer a gluten-free option, notify an usher and an elder will bring them to you.)*
Communion Music Linda Dover

*HYMN 610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

THE LIGHT DEPARTS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Linda Dover

**If convenient/able, please stand.*

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