



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship — Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

8:50am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

*SINGING

Louder

By Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin,
and Jason Ingram

Our God

By Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin,
Chris Tomlin, and Jesse Reeves

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The early church was threatened and persecuted, but they stood firm.

All: The church throughout the ages has faced threats and persecution over and over, yet has stood firm for Christ.

One: The church continues to stand firmly in the love, mercy, and peace of Christ.

All: During this season of Lent, we stand ready—ready to worship, to serve, and to love.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Holbrook

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

COME AS A CHILD

(There is no Awakening to Worship today. Our Nursery welcomes young children and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing.)

Sing #300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Kaiden Luke Miller

Finn Gregory Bratton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(antiphonal)*

One: Almighty God, you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and make us brave disciples. We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal, so we may serve Jesus Christ, who, tempted in every way as we are, was faithful to you.

Left: From lack of reverence for truth and beauty; from a calculating or sentimental mind; from going along with mean and ugly things;

All: O God, deliver us.

Right: From cowardice that dares not face truth; laziness content with half-truth; or arrogance that thinks we know it all;

All: O God, deliver us.

Left: From artificial life and worship; from all that is hollow or insincere;

All: O God, deliver us.

Right: From trite ideals and cheap pleasures; from mistaking hard vulgarity for humor;

All: O God, deliver us.

Left: From being dull, pompous, or rude; from putting down our neighbors;

All: O God, deliver us.

Right: From cynicism about others; from intolerance or cruel indifference;

All: O God, deliver us.

Left: From being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world; from failing to share your indignation about injustice;

All: O God, deliver us.

Right: From selfishness, self-indulgence, or self-pity;

All: O God, deliver us.

Left: From token concern for the poor, for lonely or loveless people; from confusing faith with good feeling, or love with wanting to be loved;

All: O God, deliver us. For everything in us that may hide your light, O God, light of life, forgive us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, as far as the east is from the west, as far as the north is from the south, our transgressions have been removed from us. Declare the good news of the gospel with me:

All: In Jesus Christ, 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.)

*SINGING

Cornerstone

By Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan,
Eric Liljero, and William Batchelder Bradbury

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 4:5-13, 18, 23-31
(New Testament, Page 121)

Meredith Watson

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Peter’s Conviction”

Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS & MUSIC

Cal Sweeten, dulcimer

“Shines the Light”

Music by Lee Dengler

*On the edge of a day dimmed with grief and sorrow,
though the dark would consume that radiance so bright,
from a rough wooden cross on a hillside called Calvary
shines the light that is Jesus. Alleluia!*

*SINGING

Shout to the Lord

By Darlene Zsesch

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

****If convenient/able, please stand.***

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