



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship  
Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017 11:05am

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

PRELUDE Linda Dover

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

**\*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 409** "God Is Here!" ABBOT'S LEIGH  
*(The children are invited to come forward on the final stanza.)*

**COME AS A CHILD**  
*(Afterwards, children ages 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Restore the joy of your 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 443** "There Is a Redeemer" GREEN

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER**

**SUNG PRAYER** "Christ, We See You" by Ken Medema  
Chancel Choir

*Christ, we see you standing, knocking like a stranger at the door.  
Christ, we hear you calling to us, as you've called your saints before.  
We invite you here among us, hearts are open now to you.  
Come be with us; change, remake us; do what God alone can do.  
  
God of all the human fam'ly, join us as we gather here.  
Open now the doors of friendship, closed too long by hate and fear.  
'Round these tables of abundance, bring the hungry, one and all.  
Let compassion thrive among us as we hear communion's call.  
  
God of light, confront our blindness, open vision's doors, we pray.  
From this world of pain and sadness, let us never turn away.  
With the light of understanding, guide our steps in ways of peace  
till the day of new creation when all want and war shall cease.  
  
Spirit, open our eyes to see visions of who we were meant to be.  
Spirit, break us and shape us and fill us with the breath of life.*

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

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Jackson Rupp

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Jeremiah 18:1-11  
*(Old Testament, Page 720)*

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Romans 9:19-26  
*(New Testament, Page 159)*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Mold Me" Fred Holbrook

*Sending People to Serve in the World*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From A Brief Statement of Faith P.C.(U.S.A.)  
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC** Linda Dover

**\*HYMN 729** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" SPIRITUAL

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Linda Dover

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

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