



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE Linda Dover

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Books KC Tamara Tipton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

*HYMN 182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" KINGSFOLD
(The children are invited to come forward on the final stanza.)

COME AS A CHILD Melanie Townsend
(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 175, v. 1 "Seek Ye First" LAFFERTY
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

O God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to save people who are lost. Judge us with love and lift the burden of our sins. We confess that we are twisted by pride and injustice. We see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin, for the sake of Jesus your Son, our Savior. 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 52 "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land" GO DOWN MOSES
(st. 1 Choir; st. 2-4 All)

LITANY FOR THOSE WHO WORK

Christy Soule

One: O Lord God, you are ever at work in the world for us and for all humankind. Guide and protect all who work to get their living.
All: Amen.
One: For those who plow the earth; for those who tend machinery;
All: Work with them, O God.
One: For those who sail deep waters; for those who venture into space;
All: Work with them, O God.
One: For those who work in offices and warehouses; for those who labor in stores or factories or restaurants;
All: Work with them, O God.
One: For those who work in mines; for those who buy and sell;
All: Work with them, O God.
One: For those who entertain us; for those who broadcast or publish;
All: Work with them, O God.
One: For those who keep house; for those who train children;
All: Work with them, O God.
One: For all who live by strength of arm; for all who live by skill of hand;
All: Work with them, O God.
One: For all who employ or govern;
All: Work with them, O God.
One: For all who excite our minds with art, science, or learning;
All: Work with them, O God.
One: For all who instruct; for writers and teachers and administrators; for students and all who learn;
All: Work with them, O God.
One: For all who serve the public good in any way by working;
All: Work with them, O God.

One: For all who labor without hope; for all who labor without interest; for those who have too little leisure; for those who have too much leisure; for those who are underpaid; for those who pay small wages; for those who cannot work; for those who look in vain for work; for those who trade on troubles of others; for profiteers, extortionists, and greedy people;
All: Great God, we pray your mercy, grace, and saving power.
One: Work through us and help us always to work for you.
All: In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SUNG PRAYER

"Create in Me"
Chancel Choir

Music by Terre Johnson
based on Psalm 51:10-12

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in me.
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Create in me, O God.*

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 5:1-17
(Old Testament, Page 52)

Eric Garbison

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Redeeming Work"

Eric Garbison
Cherith Brook Catholic Worker

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

"Seasons of the Heart"

by Karen Lakey Buckwalter

*HYMN 172

"Blest Are They"

by David Haas

(Verses sung by Soloists & Refrain sung by Congregation on cue)

Terri Monrad & Darryl Prater, soloists
Caroline McDonald, violin – Isabel Battaglioli, clarinet

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Linda Dover

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