



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

11:05am

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

CHIMES Linda Dover, organist

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

INTROIT arr. Michael Helman  
"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" BEACH SPRING  
Exaltation! Ringers — Trey Bures, director  
*Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need.  
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed.  
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart.  
Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
One: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.  
**ALL: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.**  
One: Come, let us love one another with the love of God.  
**ALL: Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.**

\*HYMN 510 "We Gather Here in Jesus' Name" COME, SHARE THE LORD

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 188, v. 1 "Jesus Loves Me"  
*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so,  
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(spoken together)*  
**Lent's days are winding down, Merciful God, and we are no closer to having contrite hearts. Our small complaints still loom large, and we don't hurry to show mercy, or rush to be kind.**

**The old habits of Fat Tuesday are still alluring, and we resist the emptiness of the desert that reveals you – the places where you make yourself known to us, where you wait in the quiet for us to be ready, still feel alien.**

**Yet, Loving God, we come to you, trying to lose our lives for the life you offer, seeking the wisdom of our brother Jesus, hoping to be blown open by the Spirit.**

**Bring us fully into your Lenten gifts, we pray, and accept the Lenten gifts we offer to you. Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
One: May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you and all others!**  
*(Let us greet one another with expressions of love.)*

\*HYMN 209 "My Song Is Love Unknown" LOVE UNKNOWN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SILENT PRAYER

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURES LESSON Isaiah 43:16, 18-21 Ben Mason  
*(Old Testament, Page 672)*

CHRIST'S CALL "Come, Share This Feast of Love" Music by Lloyd Larson  
Exaltation! – Linda Bruns, piano Words by Mary Kay Beall  
*Here is my body that's broken for you. Come, share this feast of love.  
Here is the blood that I shed for you. Here is the life that I lived for you.  
Here is the life that I gave for you. Come in prayer.  
Bring your pain; bring your care. Come my child and share.  
Here is the peace that your soul has sought.  
Here is the peace that my dying bought.  
Come, share this feast of love.*

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:9-17  
*(New Testament, Page 109)*

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

SERMON "A Reciprocal Dance" Rev. Sue Trigger

*Sending People to Serve in the World*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC by Charles Callahan  
"Variations on Kas Dzied...?"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Ben Mason

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION  
*Today we celebrate with our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Communicants Morgan Krug and Natalie Walker who have completed Communion training.*  
The Invitation to the Table  
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
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." (Trays contain red wine and white grape juice. For a gluten-free option, notify an usher and an elder will bring them to you.)*  
Communion Music

"Prelude on Cross of Jesus" by Charles Callahan

Prayer After Communion

\*HYMN 223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Hamburg" arr. Lowell Mason  
Linda Dover, organ

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

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