



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

8:50am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

ALL: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song: Love one another!

One: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song: No longer servants but friends!

ALL: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise, Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

* SINGING

Let Everything That Has Breath

Here I am to Worship

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 188, v. 1

“Jesus Loves Me!”

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

May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone.

And also with you and all others!

(Let us greet one another with expressions of love.)

*SINGING

God of Wonders

*HYMN 519

“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

JERNIGAN

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

(Old Testament, Page 672)

Lauren Callender

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9-17

(New Testament, Page 109)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Reciprocal Dance”

Rev. Sue Trigger

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lauren Callender

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Today we celebrate with our 2nd grade Communicant PJ Peck who has completed Communion training.

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(The congregation will come forward, stopping at the chancel steps to receive communion by intinction. Take a piece of bread and then move to where the chalice is. Dip your bread into the cup when it is presented to you. Then return to your seat by way of the side aisles. The chalice on your right contains white grape juice while the one on your left contains red wine. If you prefer not to move, or prefer a gluten-free option, notify an usher and an elder will bring the elements to you.)

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

*SINGING

10,000 Reasons

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**If convenient/able, please stand.*

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