



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" arr. John Leavitt

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

INTROIT "Beautiful Savior" arr. Jody Van Kley
Exaltation! Ringers – Trey Bures, director
*Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man.
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!*

THE LIGHT ENTERS Olivia Lee

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
One: Beloved, we are God's children now;
**All: when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.
Let us worship God!**

*HYMN 254 "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

COME AS A CHILD
A Mini, Mini Musical of the Many "I Am" Statements of Jesus
Celebration! – Laura Holbrook & Beth Lillian, co-directors
Angela Krug, accompanist

"Do You Hear the Shepherd?"
by Kimberly Ingram

"Living in the Light"
by Ruth Elaine Schram

*(Children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to **Awakening to Worship**, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. Our Nursery welcomes young children and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing.)*

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*
God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to die. You raised him from the dead yet we still do not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love you offer, and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: O for the wonderful love he has promised,
All: promised for you and for me!
One: Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
All: pardon for you and for me.
One: Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home.
**All: Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"**
One: Sisters and brothers, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
All: All praise and 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.)

*HYMN 250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" PROMISE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Christopher Alka

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 4
(Old Testament, Page 490)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 24:35-48
(New Testament, Page 90)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Please Pass the Fish!" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS & MUSIC arr. Paul Manz
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*HYMN 295 "Go to the World!" SINE NOMINE

THE LIGHT DEPARTS Olivia Lee

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "In Thee Is Gladness" setting by Paul Manz
Linda Dover, organ

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