



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "Hyfrydol" arr. Alec Wyton

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION PW Birthday Offering Ginny Wirtz

INTROIT "Shout to the Lord" by Darlene Zschech
Youth Band
Christopher Callender & Donna Goeckler, co-directors
*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
One: There is no greater love than this:
**All: to lay down one's life for one's friends.
Let us worship God.**

*HYMN 503 "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"
O QUANTA QUALIA

COME AS A CHILD
*(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.)*

Sing 250, v. 1 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" by Natalie Sleeth
*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*
God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. In Christ, you claim us as children, but we disobey your commands. In Christ, you even call us your friends, but we have not been faithful to you. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Spirit help us to abide in your love and share that love with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: The strife is over, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
All: the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!
One: The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
All: let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia! 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 205 "Live in Charity" UBI CARITAS
(1-All English, 2-Choir Latin, 3-All Latin)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

SUNG PRAYER "Ave Verum" W.A. Mozart
Chancel Choir
(Latin Translation)
*Hail, true body, of the Virgin Mary, who has truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, whose side was pierced,
whence flowed water and blood: be for us a foretaste of heaven
during our final examining. O Jesu sweet, O Jesu pure,
O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 98 Cheryl Johnson
(Old Testament, Page 551)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 15:9-17
(New Testament, Page 109)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Being Fruitful Friends" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS & MUSIC by Gilbert M. Martin
"Dove of Peace" The Southern Harmony, 1835

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
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 "Morning Song" by Gilbert Martin
Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813
"Shaker Song" arr. Robert J. Powell

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" CHEREPONI

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude" from *Celebrate Life!* Buryl Red

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