



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018 8:50am

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

\*SINGING Meet Us Here  
Louder  
By Dan Marks  
By Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin,  
and Jason Ingram

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION PW Birthday Offering Ginny Wirtz

\*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.**

COME AS A CHILD  
*(Children ages 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> 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.)*

\*SINGING We Believe  
By Travis Ryan, Richie Fike,  
and Matt Hooper

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Logan Callender

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 98  
*(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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table  
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
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 "Shout to the Lord" by Darlene Zschech  
Youth Band  
Christopher Callender & Donna Goeckler, co-directors

Prayer after Communion

\*SINGING I Will Follow  
By Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram,  
and Reuben Morgan

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
***\*If convenient/able, please stand.***  
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