



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Holbrook

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

INTROIT

“Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out”

arr. Mark Hayes

Exaltation! – Ronda McDonald, accompanist

*If we keep our voices silent, all creation will rise and shout.
If we fail to praise you, Father, then will the very rocks cry out.
From the corners of creation come the people of the Living God.
Ev'ry tongue and ev'ry nation gather now to praise the Lord!
From a world of tribulation come and let your voice be raised.
Join us now in congregation. Let the Living God be praised.*

*Alleluia, unto him we offer praise. Alleluia, this song of joy to him we raise.
Alleluia, in the heavens angels sing. Alleluia, give glory to the most high King!*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord of hosts is with us.

All: The God of Jacob and Rebekah is our refuge.

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

All: The whole earth is full of God's glory. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

(The children are invited to come forward on the final stanza.)

COME AS A CHILD “This Is the Day that the Lord Has Made”
“He Is Alive”

SMASH

(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.)

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Lord, who throughout the forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with Thee to mourn our sins and close by Thee to stay. And through these days of penitence and through Thy Passiontide, yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide. Abide with us, that so this life of suffering over past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: I declare to you that, in Christ, our sins are forgiven.

All: Through Christ, an Easter of unending joy we shall attain at last! Praise 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.)

SUNG VOW

“Lord, Here Am I”

by John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir

*Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor and where it shall be.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”
Willing my Savior, to take up the cross; Willing to suffer reproaches and loss;
Willing to follow, if Thou will but lead; Only support me with grace in my need.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”
Living or dying, I still would be Thine, yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; Pity, and bring me again to the light.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

Christy Soule

(Old Testament, Page 635)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 4:23-31

(New Testament, Page 122)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Use Me”

Fred Holbrook

*PRAYER 288 *(sung twice)* “Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING GOD

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.”

(The trays contain red wine and white grape juice. If you prefer a gluten-free option, notify an usher and an elder will bring them to you.)

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 69

“Here I Am, Lord”

HERE I AM

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Linda Dover

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