



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

8:50am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

*SINGING

Let Everything That Has Breath

by Matt Redman

Your Grace Is Enough

by Matt Maher

*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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Holbrook

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

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER

David, Avi, and Scarlet Berry

David, as a member of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, you do not come to us as a stranger, but as a brother in Christ Jesus. We welcome you, Avi, and Scarlet to the worship and work of Grace Covenant Church.

Will you now acknowledge your faith by answering the following questions?

- Do you turn to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
- Do you acknowledge yourself to be broken in the sight of God, and place your trust and hope in God's sovereign mercy?
- Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and companionship, to the breaking of bread and prayers?

- Will you share the good news of God's reconciling love with others, serve Christ, and seek to share God's love, justice, mercy and peace wherever you may be?

Questions to the Congregation:

- Do we, the members of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, welcome David and his daughters, Avi and Scarlet, into this household of faith?
- Do we promise to love and care for them in the way that God loves and cares for us, while encouraging them through our words and example to participate fully in the life of the church?

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)*

(Based on Hymn 166)

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 may 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.)

*SINGING

Open the Eyes of My Heart

by Paul Baloche

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8

(Old Testament, Page 635)

Susan Fitzgerald

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 4:23-31

(New Testament, Page 122)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Use Me"

Fred Holbrook

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 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

"Here I Am, Lord"

by Daniel Schutte

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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