



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Mother's Day

May 13, 2018 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE Chris Krug, organ

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

THE LIGHT ENTERS Olivia Lee

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: The Lord of hosts is with us.
All: The God of Eve, Esther, Naomi, Ruth, Rachel, Mary, Martha, and Lydia is our refuge.
One: Our eyes have seen the Lord of hosts.
All: Blessed are all who follow the way of the Lord. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

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 FOR MOTHERS AND WOMEN *(unison)*
Gracious God, we thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other. Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers:

- who cared for us when we were helpless;
- who comforted us when we were hurt;
- whose love and care we often took for granted.

Today we pray for:

- those who are grieving the loss of their mother,
- those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her,
- those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's, aunt's, sister's, or grandmother's love,
- the families separated by war or conflict.

Lord, give them special blessings. Keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be and become all that we are meant to be, through our Lord Jesus Christ we pray. 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 324 "For All the Faithful Women" NYLAND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

SONG OF THANKS "I Carry You in My Heart" Music by Donna Butler
Chancel Choir Words adapt. by Kathy Burdette
*I carry you in my heart. For your light and love made my soul to sing
like the quiet winter warms to spring. And I carry your heart with mine.
I thank my God for ev'ry thought of you.
I carry you in my heart. You are part of God's perfect mystery,
for the way you live helps me to see.
And this is the root of the root, and this is the bud of the bud,
and the sky of the sky, of a tree called life, which grows and grows.
Because of you my heart can love still more.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Tom Stroud
(Old Testament, Page 163)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON II Timothy 1:3-12
(New Testament, Page 211)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Until That Day" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS & MUSIC Text and Music by Robert Lowry
Arr. by John Coates, Jr.

"Shall We Gather at the River"
Terri & Emily Monrad, duet

*HYMN 804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" MARION

THE LIGHT DEPARTS Olivia Lee

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Chris Krug, organ

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