



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017 11:05am

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

THE LIGHT ENTERS Jaylee Soule

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

SHARING OUR SONGS "Here Is the Church"  
"Sing Hosanna"  
Joy! – Lara Schesser, director

\*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 452 "Open the Eyes of My Heart" OPEN THE EYES  
*(The children are invited to come forward on the final stanza.)*

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

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 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

SUNG PRAYER "Know My Heart" Music by Benjamin Harlan  
Chancel Choir Text adapted from Psalm 139  
*Lord, you have searched me, you know ev'rything I do.  
When I rise, when I lie down, you are with me.  
Before I speak, you hear me, your presence follows day by day.  
O know my heart, O God.  
If I ascend into heaven, you are there on the wings  
of the morning or in my deepest despair.  
God's hand shall lead me, God's right hand will guide me,  
though darkness should cover me, light shall surround me.  
And I will praise the Lord, I will praise God with my whole heart!  
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When I rise, when I lie down, you are with me.  
Before I speak, you hear me, your presence follows day by day.  
O know my heart, O God.*

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Tatum Cox

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 16:11-15  
*(New Testament, Page 136)*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "An Open Heart" Fred Holbrook

*Sending People to Serve in the World*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

\*HYMN 286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE LIGHT GOES INTO THE WORLD Jaylee Soule

POSTLUDE Linda Dover

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