GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017 8:50am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

*SINGING Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
Brian Doerksen
Blessed Be the Name
Matt and Beth Redman

THE LIGHT ENTERS Aidan Erckert

*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.

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

COME AS A CHILD
(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.)

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.)

* SINGING Ten Thousand Reasons
By Matt Redman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 98 Meredith Watson
(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

SPECIAL MUSIC I Will Follow
By Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, and Reuben Morgan

* SINGING Open the Eyes of My Heart
By Paul Baloche

THE LIGHT GOES INTO THE WORLD Aidan Erckert

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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