



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 19, 2019 11:05am

Service of Worship
Confirmation Sunday

*“Don’t shine so others can see you.
Shine so that through you others can see Him.” ~ Unknown*

Gathering in a Caring Christian Community

WORSHIP CHIMES Chris Krug, guest organist

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

INTROIT “I Will Bless the Lord” Music by Douglas Nolan
Exaltation! & Ex! Alumni Words by J. Paul Williams
Rebecca Prater, director — Chris Krug, piano

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION (inspired by Revelation 21: 1-6)

**Speak to us, Giver of Life, and make us new.
We thirst for the waters of eternal life,
we yearn to know ourselves as Resurrection People.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us this day,
and create in us your new heaven and new earth.
Speak to us words of comfort and hope,
words of challenge and courage.
Come: move among us, we pray.**

written by the Rev. Mary Nelson Abbott. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

*HYMN 15 (vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

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

COME AS A CHILD

(Worship bags are available for children who remain in the Sanctuary. Nursery age children are welcome to be taken to our Nursery which is located in the Children’s Wing. An usher can direct you.)

SINGING This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine (3 times)
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine (3 times)...

LITANY OF CALL AND CONFESSION (inspired by John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7)

Come with what you have. For you who grieve this day know that you are invited to bring the broken pieces of your heart.

Loved by one another, we discover God’s love for us.

Come with what you have. For you who come with gladness know that your melody will find harmony.

Accepting God’s love for us, we are called to love one another.

Come with what you have. For you weighed down by too many ‘shoulds’ and ‘what-ifs’ know that here you may lay down the burdens of guilt and shame.

Loved by one another, we discover God’s love for us.

Come with what you have. For you who have the answers, know that new questions await you.

Accepting God’s love for us, we are called to love one another.

Come with what you have. For you who come seeking, know that your questions are safe in the presence of God.

Loved by one another, we discover God’s love for us.

written by Katherine Hawker on Outside the Box

Come with what you have. Offer to God in your hearts your confessions and concerns for others. **(silent prayer)**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*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 Jesus’ love.)

*HYMN 761 “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” BEECHER

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

FIRST LESSON Revelation 21:1-6 Cheryl Johnson

(New Testament, Page 259)

GOSPEL LESSON John 13:31-35
(New Testament, Page 108)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “Come Build a Church” by Ken Medema
(see insert & sing on cue)

SERMON It is Finished ...But We’re Not Jennifer Battaglioli

Sending to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC Chris Krug

RECEPTION OF THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

Introductions
Constitutional Questions
Confirmation
Lighting of Candles and Presentation of Certificates
Covenant with the Confirmands *(to be said by all)*

As you join us in ministry as members of Grace Covenant and step to our side to embrace the challenges of living faithfully in the world, we pledge our commitment to be your companions in the journey of faith.

So, too, we ask for God’s blessings upon you. May God bless you with strength to seek justice in all you do. May God bless you with wisdom to know the truth that will set you free. May God bless you with love that will last a lifetime. And may God bless you with hope that will withstand every challenge. As we are blessed by your being here, so we seek to be a blessing to you in the name of God!

*SONG OF COMMISSION “Go Light Your World” by Chris Rice
*See Insert:
Donna Goeckler & Congregation sing to Confirmands*

Gentle Shower of Kisses and Blessings

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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