



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 20, 2018 11:05am

Service of Worship

Day of Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." ~ Matthew 5:16

"Don't shine so others can see you. Shine so that through you others can see Him." ~ Unknown

Gathering in a Caring Christian Community

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Jennifer Battaglioli, moderator

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
Soli from the 2018 Confirmation Class
Maddie Passett, Kylie Sutherland,
Andrew Alka, & Chris Alka
Rebecca Prater, director – Donna Heer, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.
One: Remember the promise of the Lord:
All: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 192 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" by Graham Kendrick
(The children are invited to come forward on the final stanza.)

NOISY OFFERING For reStart, an agency addressing homelessness

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.)

Sing "This Little Light of Mine" American Folk Song
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)
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*
Perplexing, Pentecostal God, you infuse us with your Spirit, urging us to envision and dream. May the gift of your presence find voice in our lives, that our babbling may be transformed into discernment and the flickering of many tongues light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. 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 Jesus' love.)

*HYMN 289 "On Pentecost They Gathered" MUNICH

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

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 Meredith Watson
(New Testament, Page 110)

SECOND LESSON Acts 2:1-21
(New Testament, Page 119)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SUNG TESTIMONY "The Spirit Sings" Traditional Spirituals
Chancel Choir arr. Mark Hayes
Linda Dover & Donna Heer, piano 4-hand
Incorporating
I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing
Every Time I Feel the Spirit

SERMON "Outward Grace" Jennifer Battaglioli

Sending to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

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.

*SONG OF COMMISSION "Go Light Your World" by Chris Rice
(see insert)
Tatum Specht, solo &
Congregation sing to Confirmands

As we are blessed by your being here, so we seek to be a blessing to you in the name of God! (GENTLE showering of blessings.)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Jennifer Battaglioli

POSTLUDE

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