



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 20, 2018 8:50am

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

*SINGING Here I Am to Worship by Tim Hughes

Shine, Jesus, Shine by Graham Kendrick

THE LIGHT ENTERS Conor Schesser

*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.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jennifer Battaglioli

(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)

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 and THE LORD'S PRAYER *(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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and 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.)

*SINGING Breathe by Marie Barnett

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

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Jane Knoche

(New Testament, Page 110)

SECOND LESSON Acts 2:1-21

(New Testament, Page 119)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Outward Grace" Jennifer Battaglioli

Sending to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Jennifer Battaglioli, moderator

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 on 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

All: 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.)

*THE LIGHT DEPARTS Conor Schesser

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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