



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE Linda Dover

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

TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY Laura Holbrook and Miles McDonald

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND SERVICE OF ORDINATION

One: There are different gifts,

All: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

One: There are different ways to serve God,

All: but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through different people in different ways,

All: but it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.

One: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

All: to use for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ,

All: and individually members of it.

One: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call women and men, youth and children to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

All: Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as pastors, ruling elders, or deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus Christ said: "Whoever among you want to be great must become servants of all, and if they want to be first among you, they must first serve! The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life to set others free." Let us worship God.

*HYMN 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" KELVINGROVE
(The children are invited to come forward on the final stanza.)

COME AS A CHILD Noisy Offering
(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 ON ORDINATION SUNDAY (unison)

Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for those whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their work and fill them with the Holy Spirit. May they have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they live. May we, too, be faithful disciples as long as we live. 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.)

PRAYER "Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace"

Chancel Choir

Music by Debra Scroggins

Words by St. Francis of Assisi

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 113:1-9 John Gilbert
(Old Testament, Page 563)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 2:1-11
(New Testament, Page 93)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Faithful Servants" Fred Holbrook

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC by J. Donjon

"Pan Pastorale"

Kat Mason, flute – Bev Robinson, piano

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. (Psalm 23:1-3a)

*HYMN 313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy" Traditional Spiritual

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

POSTLUDE Linda Dover

**If convenient/able, please stand.*

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