



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28, 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.)

MISSION STUDY TEAM UPDATE

MOMENT FOR MISSION Cornerstones of Care Kristen Zucht

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND SERVICE OF ORDINATION

One: In John 17, Jesus prayed, "As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world."

All: **In that same prayer, Jesus said, "I pray that they may be one, as we are one, so that the world may know that you have sent me."**

One: We have gathered in his name.

All: **Let us worship God.**

*HYMN 326 "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE
(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.)

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ who ascended into heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time. We make this prayer in the name of him who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (p. 17)

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

All: **"I believe in God, the Father almighty,...**

*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.)

*HYMN 457 "How Happy Are the Saints of God" WAREHAM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

SUNG SCRIPTURE "Eternal Life" Music by Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir Based on John 3:16-17

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.
For God sent not his Son to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
For God so loved the world. Amen.*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 1 Gene Wilson
(Old Testament, Page 489)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I John 5:9-13
(New Testament, Page 241)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Reality, Not Illusion" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC Linda Dover

*HYMN 698 "Take, O Take Me as I Am" TAKE ME AS I AM
(1st time unison; 2nd through 4th times harmony.)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Linda Dover

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