



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

8:50am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

*SINGING

Beautiful One

By Tim Hughes

Sing Sing Sing

By Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves,
Matt Gilder, and Travis Nunn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Holbrook

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Teresa Halbersma

Teresa, as a member of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, you do not come to us as a stranger, but as a sister in Christ Jesus. We welcome you to the worship and work of Grace Covenant Church.

Will you now acknowledge your faith by answering the following questions?

- Do you turn to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
- Do you acknowledge yourself to be broken in the sight of God, and place your trust and hope in God's sovereign mercy?
- Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and companionship, to the breaking of bread and prayers?
- Will you share the good news of God's reconciling love with others, serve Christ, and seek to share God's love, justice, mercy and peace wherever you may be?

Questions to the Congregation:

- Do we, the members of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, welcome Teresa into this household of faith?
- Do we promise to love and care for her in the way that God loves and cares for us, while encouraging her through our words and example to participate fully in the life of the church?

MOMENT FOR MISSION Cornerstones of Care

Kristen Zucht

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.)

*SINGING

I Will Follow

By Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram,
and Reuben Morgan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 1

Harold Frye

(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

SINGING

At All Times

Vicki Beeching

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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