



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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June 17, 2018 11:05am

Service of Worship  
Father's Day

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

PRELUDE "I Danced in the Morning" arr. Emma Lou Diemer  
Linda Dover, organ

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Kipp and Brooke Connell, Chance and West  
Kipp and Brooke, in baptism you were claimed by God, marked as Christ's own forever, and joined to his body by the Holy Spirit. You come to us then, not as strangers, but as friends in Christ and members of the household of God. We rejoice that you now desire to join with this congregation in the worship and mission of the church.

*Questions to the New Members*

- Kipp and Brooke, will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and mission through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?
- Chance, will you let us care for you, pray for you, teach you, serve with you, and love you?

*Questions to the Congregation*

- Do you, the members of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, welcome Kipp, Brooke, Chance, and West into this household of faith? Do you promise to love and care for them in the way that God loves and cares for us, while encouraging them through your words and example to participate fully in the life of the church?

*Prayer and Welcome*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: God made the Sabbath as a gift for us,

All: **and Jesus Christ is Lord of the Sabbath. Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN "Draw the Welcome Circle Wider" BEACH SPRING  
*(see insert and notes)*

## 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 701 "Lord, Prepare Me" SANCTUARY  
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,  
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,  
for we have done wrong.  
We have lived for ourselves  
and apart from you.  
We have turned from our neighbors  
and refused to bear the burdens of others.  
We have ignored the pain of the world  
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy, forgive our sins  
and free us from selfishness.  
May we choose your will  
and obey your commandments,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us. Why?

All: **Hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.**

One: Friends, believe this good news and give thanks:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! 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 695 "Change My Heart, O God" CHANGE MY HEART

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

SUNG PRAYER & RESPONSE "Offertory" Music by John Ness Beck  
Chancel Choir – Bob Dover, director Micah 6:6-8

*"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before God with burnt offering, shall I come before God with yearling calves?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give God my first-born for my transgressions,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"*

*God has shown you, O people; God has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34 Anne Stroud  
*(Old Testament, Page 735)*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 10:25-37  
*(New Testament, Page 71)*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Holy Priorities" Fred Holbrook

*Sending People to Serve in the World*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC arr. Emma Lou Diemer  
"Loving Spirit"

\*HYMN 694 "Great God of Every Blessing" AURELIA

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING Fred Holbrook

POSTLUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. E.L. Diemer  
Linda Dover, organ

*\*If convenient/able, please stand.*

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**Information about the New Hymn:** The Committee on Local Arrangements (COLA) has commissioned Mary Louise Bringle to write a hymn text for 223<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly. The new hymn *Draw the Welcome Circle Wider* incorporates the GA's theme "Renewing the Vision: Kingdom Building for the Twenty-first Century" with biblical metaphors, social justice themes, and even a surprising nod to the GA's location in St. Louis. The hymn will be sung to the pentatonic shape-note tune BEACH SPRING.

The Presbyterian Association of Musicians members are well acquainted with Mel Bringle through her hymns, her teaching at conferences, and her service as chair of the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song.

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