



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 8, 2018

11:05am

Service of Worship
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE

Linda Dover, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Holbrook

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All: and all that is within us, bless God's holy name.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All: and do not forget God's benefits—

One: God forgives our sins and heals our diseases.

All: God satisfies us with good as long as we live. So, let us worship God.

*HYMN 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

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 134

"Joy to the World"

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of Belhar, P.C.(U.S.A.)

We believe

- that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
- that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;
- that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology

- which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

*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 757

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

KINGSFOLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

INSPIRATION IN SONG

Terri Monrad, solo

"Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place"

by Lanny Wolfe

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 103:1-9

Barb Purvis

(Old Testament, Page 554)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 1:1-11

(New Testament, Page 196)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Gospel Partners: Compassion"

Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

*HYMN 540

"Farewell, Good Friends!"

SHALOM, CHAVERIM

(sung as a canon)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Linda Dover, organ

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