



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 8, 2018

8:50am

Service of Worship
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

*SINGING

My Life Is In You, Lord

Words and Music by
Daniel Gardner

Blessed Be Your Name

Words and Music by
Matt and Beth Redman

*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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Holbrook

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

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.)

*SINGING

Cornerstone

Words and Music by
Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero,
and William Batchelder Bradbury

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 103:1-9

(Old Testament, Page 554)

Harold Frye

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

*SINGING

We Believe

Words and Music by
Travis Ryan, Richie Fike,
and Matt Hooper

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

**If convenient/able, please stand.*

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