



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Immigration Sunday

July 9, 2017

8:50am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

*SINGING

Sing Sing Sing

By Chris Tomlin

Shout to the North

By Martin Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 113

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

One: Blessed be the name of the Lord

All: from this time on and forevermore. Let us worship God.

WELCOME AND 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.)

*HYMN

"There Is Room in God's Great Welcome" HOLY MANNA

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*There is room in God's great welcome; See! The doors are open wide!
Here on earth as in God's heaven, hear the call to come inside!
There is so much room for difference — men and women, gay and straight.
In God's love, the rooms are countless, but there is no room for hate.*

*There is room in our good nation if we stand on justice-ground.
God has made a good creation; colors, cultures all abound.
Welcome, sister! Welcome, brother! All those yearning to breathe free!
There is room for one another but no room for bigotry.*

*There is room for understanding, for the outcast and the poor;
For the Christian, Jew, and Muslim — there is room for these and more.
For the people on the fringes, for the ones with long career,
There is room for building bridges, but there is no room for fear.*

*There is room in faithful churches for the wounded and oppressed:
Women who've been told they're worthless, refugees who feel distressed,
Immigrants who fear the future, people scorned and pushed and shoved.
God, may we seek what you treasure: may we all make room for love.*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of Belhar (PCUSA)

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. 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 love.)

*SINGING

Open the Eyes of My Heart

By Paul Baloche

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 113

Melanie Townsend

(Old Testament, Page 563)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 10: 40–42

(New Testament, Page 11)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"A Cup of Cold Water"

Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

*SINGING

I Will Follow

By Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, and Reuben Morgan

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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