



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 15, 2018 11:05am

Service of Worship
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "Praeludium II" J.S. Bach
Linda Dover, organ
*Notice the canons (repeated statements) in the organ's Prelude & Postlude today.
The repetition resembles one of the hymns we sang last week.*

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: We have gathered because we trust.
All: We trust in God's steadfast love.
One: Our hearts rejoice.
All: Our hearts rejoice in God's salvation.
One: Let us sing to the Lord, God Almighty.
All: Let us sing and worship because of God's bountiful love and grace.

*HYMN 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

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.*

PRAYER OF LAMENTATION

African-American Spiritual

**I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. Amen.**

ASSURANCE TO THE BELOVED

One: Friends, come! Live in the light!
All: Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
One: We are called to be light for the kingdom,
All: to live in the freedom of the city of God.
One: We are called to act with justice;
All: we are called to love tenderly;
One: we are called to serve one another,
All: to walk humbly with God.
One: Friends, YOU are the beloved of God!
**All: Friend, YOU are the beloved of God!
Friends, WE are the BELOVED OF 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 798 "All with Joyful Exultation" YISRAEL V'ORAITA
Chris Lindsay, violin & Fred Holbrook, guitar
*(All sing Refrain throughout;
v. 1 & 2 Fred, soloist – v. 3 & 4 All sing)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

SUNG SCRIPTURE

Music by Craig Courtney

"The Lord Is My Light" Based on Psalm 27:1-7
Summer Choir

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear,
of whom shall I be afraid? Though evil-doers assail me,
when adversaries attack me, they stumble and fall.
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear,*

*of whom shall I be afraid? Though an army besiege me,
though war break out against me, my heart will not fear.
One thing I ask, one thing I seek of the Lord:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
For in the day of trouble he will hide me in his dwelling;
and he will set me high upon a rock.
Then shall my head be exalted above my enemies round about me;
I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is my light!*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 13 Jennifer Battaglioli
(Old Testament, Page 494)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 1:12-19
(New Testament, Page 196)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Gospel Partners: Suffering" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC Words & Music by John Elliott
"Somebody's Prayin'" arr. Mark Hayes
Tatum Specht, soprano
*Somebody's prayin' – I can feel it. Somebody's prayin' for me.
Mighty hands are guiding me to protect me from what I can see.
Lord, I believe somebody's prayin' for me.*

*HYMN 792 "There Is a Balm in Gilead" BALM IN GILEAD

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fuga in C" J.S. Bach
Linda Dover, organ
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