



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2017 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Cheryl and Kevin Johnson
(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)

INTROIT "Morning Song" arr. Gilbert M. Martin
Linda Dover
*LORD, in the morning you hear my voice.
In the morning I pray to you.
I wait for you in hope.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Often the road has been stony and hard. Sometimes we have stumbled and even fallen.

All: **But God has been our friend and our guide. We have no cause to be alarmed. God is faithful to us, even when we are faithless.**

One: Today we rejoice in God's faithful love, and together ask for strength and signs of hope and life.

All: **And again we are drawn together to celebrate the life that is ours in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

COME AS A CHILD Melanie Townsend and Tim Hoare
(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

"As a Little Child"

Summer Choir

(Congregation joins on cue)

*O you must become as a little child and come unto him.
Yes, you must become as a little child to share in the kingdom of God.*

Come unto Jesus, run into his arms.

Come unto Jesus and you can share the kingdom of God.

Congregation:

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong.**

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Music by Joseph Martin

Text Mark 10:13-16, adapt.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive the poverty of our worship, our unbelief and hesitating witness, our blindness to what you would have us to be and to do, O God. Forgive us for imagining ourselves to be the center of the world, and for seeking security in the works of our own hands and minds, O God. Forgive us for the waste of our time and talents and gifts, and for our abuse of the earth, your creation, O God. Forgive us that so little of your love is passed through us to others, and that we have cared so little about the sufferings and injustices that they endure, O God. Forgive us by your mercy, O God, for the sins held secret in our hearts. Your grace and understanding are beyond human comprehension. Your love abounds and, for that, we give you thanks. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Despite our urge to pull apart, in spite of our tenacity to hold to our old ways, our loving God continues to call us back together again, showing us the true nature of forgiveness.

All: **God does not keep score of our wrongs or measure how far we have wandered. God welcomes us, like a mother scooping up her lost children, like a father embracing his prodigal offspring. We are welcomed home, encouraged to learn from that forgiveness, to offer it to ourselves and to others again and again, as God offers it to us in Jesus Christ, our hope and our home. 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.)

*HYMN 771 "What Is the World Like" NEW WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joshua 24:14-25 Anne Stroud
(Old Testament, Page 216)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 15:1-2, 11-32 The Rev. Dr. Tim Hoare
(New Testament, Page 78)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Coming Home" Tim Hoare

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC Music by Raymond Brown

"Softly and Tenderly" Words by Will Thompson

Rebecca Prater, soloist

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching for you and for me.*

(Refrain) Come home, ye who are weary come home;

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, O sinner come home.

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies for you and for me? (Refrain)

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing from you and from me;

Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming for you and for me. (Refrain)

Oh! for the wonderful love he has promised for you and for me;

Though we have sinned he has mercy and pardon for you and for me. (Refrain)

*HYMN 649 "Amazing Grace" AMAZING GRACE

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

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

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