



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 22, 2018

11:05am

Service of Worship  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

PRELUDE "Prelude No. 2" F. Mendelssohn  
Linda Dover, organ

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

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**All: maker of heaven and earth.**  
One: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**All: And also with you. Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 375 "Shall We Gather at the River" HANSON PLACE

## 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 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"  
*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(antiphonal)*

One: Almighty God, you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and make us brave disciples. We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal, so we may serve Jesus Christ, who, tempted in every way as we are, was faithful to you.

Right: From lack of reverence for truth and beauty; from a calculating or sentimental mind; from going along with mean and ugly things;

**All: O God, deliver us.**

Left: From cowardice that dares not face truth; laziness content with half-truth; or arrogance that thinks we know it all;

**All: O God, deliver us.**

Right: From artificial life and worship; from all that is hollow or insincere;

**All: O God, deliver us.**

Left: From trite ideals and cheap pleasures; from mistaking hard vulgarity for humor;

**All: O God, deliver us.**

Right: From being dull, pompous, or rude; from putting down our neighbors;

**All: O God, deliver us.**

Left: From cynicism about others; from intolerance or cruel indifference;

**All: O God, deliver us.**

Right: From being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world; from failing to share your indignation about injustice;

**All: O God, deliver us.**

Left: From selfishness, self-indulgence, or self-pity;

**All: O God, deliver us.**

Right: From token concern for the poor, for lonely or loveless people; from confusing faith with good feeling, or love with wanting to be loved;

**All: O God, deliver us. For everything in us that may hide your light, O God, light of life, forgive us. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, as far as the east is from the west, as far as the north is from the south, our transgressions have been removed from us. Declare the good news of the gospel with me:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to 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 825 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" SWING LOW

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

SUNG TESTIMONY "Amazing Grace" John Ness Beck  
Bob Dover, soloist

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23 Dave Pack  
*(Old Testament, Page 501)*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 1:19-26  
*(New Testament, Page 196)*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Gospel Partners: Life Everlasting" Fred Holbrook

*Sending People to Serve in the World*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC "Flute Clock 1772" Haydn

\*HYMN 250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" PROMISE

## \*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune in C" David Lansky  
Linda Dover, organ

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