



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 29, 2018

11:05am

Service of Worship
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

WORSHIP CHIMES

Linda Dover, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Holbrook

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

INTROIT

“Rondo Allegro”
by Johann Backofen
Bob Dover & Noah Patton, clarinets

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
One: Scripture says, “Walk in the way of the good,
All: and keep to the paths of the just.
One: For the upright will abide in the land,
All: and the innocent will remain in it.”
Let us worship God.

*HYMN 372

“O for a World”

AZMON

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.*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (**unison**) The Confession of 1967 (PCUSA)

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of humanity’s life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes humanity’s natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that God’s purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from God’s creation.

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father’s house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists God’s will and disrupts God’s creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in human beings and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

“Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever 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 Jesus’ love.)

*HYMN 285 “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” BRIDEGROOM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

SONG OF UNITY

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”

by Allen Pote

Summer Choir
*Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.
Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.
O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.
In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.
O God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.
Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand
we are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.
O God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.
Take our many ways of working, blend the
colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow.
Give us life Lord, make us whole.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Proverbs 2:1-11, 20-22

(Old Testament, Page 648)

Cheryl Johnson

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 1:27–2:5

(New Testament, Page 197)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Gospel Partners: One Mind”

Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

by Johann Backofen

“Larghetto” and “Andante”
Bob Dover & Noah Patton, clarinets

*HYMN 306

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Rigaudon”
Linda Dover, organ

André Campra

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