



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship — Caregiver Sunday

August 6, 2017 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "Air in G" by Johann Christoph Graupner
Linda Dover, organ

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: Therefore we will not fear, though our lives should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

One: Let us worship the Care Giver to caregivers, and to us all: our Creator, Liberator, and Sustainer.

All: Bringing our praise, our pain, our prayers, we are here to celebrate the life that is ours in Christ Jesus and to receive the blessings of God's peace.

*HYMN 408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
(The children are invited to come forward on the final stanza.)

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 by W.B. Bradbury

*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.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of healing and hope, we come before you today with full hearts and not a little anxiety. You have promised to shelter and protect us. We confess we forget your promises. Forgive us. We acknowledge that we feel fear and uncertainty when facing a change in our health and need to be taken care of. We acknowledge that there are times that we feel the heavy burden of caregiving. We confess that we turn away from you in our despair and often lament that you do not hear us on the days when we feel most broken. Help us, we pray, in our current circumstances. Open our hearts to your presence and our minds to your wisdom. Protect us from despair and doubt. Forgive us when we lose our patience, and grant us strength and peace. Gather us up and love us with all of our fears and inadequacies. Help us step forward in confidence and courage. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God loves us. Through God's grace we are offered the opportunity for wholeness.

All: And through God's great love in Christ, God came to earth and knows our human emotions and weaknesses;

One: Through Christ, God reconciled the world.

All: May we have God's peace now, and offer peace to others.

*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 "You Have Searched Me, Lord, and Known Me" *(see insert)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 42 Katie Hearn
(Old Testament, Page 515)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 6:2
(New Testament, Page 191)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SONG OF PROMISE "Carry You" by Amy Grant
Tatum Specht, soloist

*Lay down your burden, I will carry you, My child.
'Cause I can walk on water, calm a restless sea.
I've done a thousand things you've never done.
I'm weary watching while you struggle on your own.
Just call My name, I'll come. Lay down your burden...*

*I give vision to the blind and I can raise the dead;
I've seen the darker side of hell and I've returned.
I see these sleepless nights and count ev'ry tear you cry.
I know some lessons hurt to learn. Lay down your burden...*

SERMON "We Carry Each Other: Practicing Hope"
The Rev. Jennifer Deitz Battaglioli

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC by César Franck

"Panis Angelicus"

Jim Kelly and Ellin Schoenfeld, French horns
*Heavenly bread that becomes the bread for all mankind;
Bread from the angelic host that is the end of all imaginings;
Oh, miraculous thing! This body of God will nourish
even the poorest, the most humble of servants.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

When passing the bread say: "The bread of life given for you."

When passing the wine/juice say: "The cup of hope poured out for you." Responses may be: "Thanks be to God," "Amen," or "Alleluia."

(Trays contain red wine and white grape juice. For a gluten-free option, notify an usher and an elder will bring them to you.)

Communion Music Cal Sweeten, hammered dulcimer

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 727 "The Servant Song" by Richard Gillard

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Recessional" by John Carter

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