



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Caregiver Sunday

August 6, 2017 8:50am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

*SINGING Open the Eyes of My Heart (Hymn 452)
by Paul Baloche
I Lift My Hands by Chris Tomlin

*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.

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

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.)

*SINGING You Are My All in All (Hymn 519)
by Dennis Jernigan

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 Susan Fitzgerald
(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

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

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
The Invitation to the Table
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution
The Sharing of the Bread and Cup
(The congregation will come forward, stopping at the chancel steps to receive communion by intinction. Take a piece of bread and then move to where the chalice is. Dip your bread into the cup when it is presented to you. Then return to your seat by way of the side aisles. The chalice on your right contains white grape juice while the one on your left contains red wine. If you prefer not to move, or prefer a gluten-free option, notify an usher and an elder will bring the elements to you.)

Communion Music Cal Sweeten – hammered dulcimer
Prayer after Communion

*SINGING The Servant Song (Hymn 727)
by Richard Gillard

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**If convenient/able, please stand.*

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