



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2017 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

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

PRELUDE "My Father's World" arr. Bobby Huguley

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 145:15-16)
One: The eyes of all look to the Lord,
All: and God gives us our food in due season.
One: God opens loving hands to all,
All: satisfying the desire of every living thing.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA
(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 (468) "In My Life" LORD, BE GLORIFIED
In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Charlotte Lucille Hearn

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(unison)* (From the Confession of Belhar)

We believe

- that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
- that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;
- that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology

- which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever 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 love.)

*HYMN 516 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" KINGDOM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

SUNG TESTIMONY "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Music by Charles Gabriel
Emily Monrad, soprano Text by Civilla Durfee Martin
*Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heav'n and home,
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

*(Refrain) I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

*"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. (Refrain)*

*Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him; from care he sets me free:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. (Refrain)*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 16:4-12 Cheryl Johnson
(Old Testament, Page 63)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 6:7-13
(New Testament, Page 5)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "God's Bread" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC arr. Todd Billingsley
"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

*HYMN 526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" LINSTEAD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude in F Major" by Duane Plash

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