



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2017

11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Holbrook

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Johnson County Christmas Bureau

Larry Bigus

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Phyllis Bass and Deb Carter

Phyllis and Deb, as members of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, you do not come to us as strangers, but as sisters in Christ Jesus. We welcome you to the worship and work of Grace Covenant Church.

Will you now acknowledge your faith by answering the following questions?

- Do you turn to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
- Do you acknowledge yourself to be broken in the sight of God, and place your trust and hope in God's sovereign mercy?
- Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and companionship, to the breaking of bread and prayers?
- Will you share the good news of God's reconciling love with others, serve Christ, and seek to share God's love, justice, mercy and peace wherever you may be?

Questions to the Congregation:

- Do we, the members of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, welcome Phyllis and Deb into this household of faith?
- Do we promise to love and care for them in the way that God loves and cares for us, while encouraging them through our words and example to participate fully in the life of the church?

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Son of Man must be lifted up,

All: that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 805

"Come Sing to God"

ELLACOMBE

(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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your ways. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sins. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Words by David Stearman

"Somewhere It's Snowing"

Music by S. Booshada

Lindsay Callender, soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

I once read in a poem when snow covers the earth that it hides the world's scars and gives nature new birth. And they say when a man turns from sin to the Lord, that forgiveness like snow covers him evermore.

(Refrain) *And somewhere it's snowing. See the soft drifting down, as the snowflakes surrender to the hardening ground. Like the good grace of Jesus that now covers our sin, In the kingdom of heaven, it's snowing again.*

And it's told that the angels lift their hearts and rejoice when one trav'ler turns home from her way to the Lord. If somewhere someone's turning, she's given her all, then God's grace like the snow is beginning to fall.

*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 752

"Dona nobis pacem"

Traditional Liturgical text

(Translation: "Grant us peace")

(Sing as a canon: Part 1, choir; Part 2, left side; Part 3, right side)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

SUNG PRAYER 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Music by William Runyan

Chancel Choir – Donna Heer, violin arr. Craig Courtney

Text by Thomas Chisholm

(Congregation sings v. 1 on cue)

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

(Congregation sings Refrains of vs. 1 & 2 on cue)

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 51:1–17

Rick Randolph

(Old Testament, Page 520)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 6:7–13

(New Testament, Page 5)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"God's Forgiveness"

Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

by Emma Lou Diemer

"The Lone, Wild Bird"

*HYMN 829

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

OLIVET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune in C"

by Leon Nelson

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