



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 2, 2018

8:50am

Service of Worship
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

*SINGING

Your Grace Is Enough

By Matt Maher

Let Everything That Has Breath

By Matt Redman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice in the Lord always!

All: Once more, we all say, "Rejoice!"

One: What?

All: Listen...we all say, "Rejoice!"

One: Okay, then. Let's proclaim it together.

All: Rejoice in the Lord always. Once more, we all say, "Rejoice!"

Let us worship God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Holbrook

(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 188

"Jesus Loves Me!"

*Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.**

**We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called each of you by name.

All: God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! 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.)

*SINGING

I Will Follow

By Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram,
and Reuben Morgan

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Nehemiah 8:9-14

(Old Testament, Page 437)

Andrew Frye

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 4:1, 4-9

(New Testament, Page 198)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Gospel Partners: Rejoice! Rejoice!"

Fred Holbrook

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

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

Prayer after Communion

*SINGING

Shall We Gather at the River

By Robert Lowry

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

****If convenient/able, please stand.***

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