



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2017 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "Sarabande" by Gordon Young

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

INTROIT "O Come, Let Us Sing" Music by Cindy Berry
Chancel Choir Based on Psalm 95:1-2
*O come, let us sing with joy to the Lord, O come.
Come bow down before him, kneel and adore him
and praise him with music and song.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: Scripture says, "Nothing can separate us from God's love."
As we gather today, let us remember this truth.
**All: We know that nothing, in life or in death, can separate us
from God's love. Let us worship God.**

*HYMN 624 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" TOULON
(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.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)
From A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA (1983)

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live in one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still. 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 792 "There Is a Balm in Gilead" BALM IN GILEAD

A LITANY AFTER HARVEY

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS Romans 8:31-39 Anne Stroud
(New Testament, Page 158)

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

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "God's Deliverance" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC J. S. Bach/Callahan
"Sheep May Safely Graze"

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
by Austin C. Lovelace
"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"
by Nancy Lyons Smith
"Brother James' Air"
by Austin C. Lovelace
"Deck Thyself My Soul, with Gladness"
Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 749 "Come! Live in the Light!" WE ARE CALLED

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude in G Major" G. F. Handel

**If convenient/able, please stand.*

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