



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 9, 2018

11:05am

Service of Worship  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

PRELUDE "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN  
Phil Holmes, trumpet – Linda Dover, organ  
*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration.*

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 1 (Common English Bible)  
One: Truly happy people don't sit with the disrespectful.  
**All: Truly happy people love God's instructions for life.**  
One: Truly happy people are like a tree replanted by streams of water.  
**All: They bear fruit at just the right time**  
One: and their leaves don't fade.  
**All: We are here to sing, pray, listen, speak, give, and leave with our spirits renewed by God's Spirit. Let us worship.**

\*HYMN 69 "Here I Am, Lord" By Daniel Schutte

## COME AS A CHILD

*(Children ages 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade may go to **Awakening to Worship**, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. Our Nursery welcomes young children and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing.)*

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,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

*(sing antiphonally)* **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
**All: The old life is gone; a new life has begun.**  
One: Know that you are forgiven, dear friends, and be at peace.  
**All: In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 17)

\*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.)*

\*HYMN 544 "Bless the Lord" From the Taizé Community

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

SONG OF THANKS "I Carry You in My Heart" Music by Donna Butler  
Chancel Choir Words adapt. by Kathy Burdette  
from Philippians 1

*I carry you in my heart. For your light and love made my soul to sing  
like the quiet winter warms to spring. And I carry your heart with mine.  
I thank my God for ev'ry thought of you.  
I carry you in my heart. You are part of God's perfect mystery,  
for the way you live helps me to see.  
And this is the root of the root, and this is the bud of the bud,  
and the sky of the sky, of a tree called life, which grows and grows.  
Because of you my heart can love still more.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 1 Dave Pack  
*(Old Testament, Page 489)*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 1:3-11  
*(New Testament, Page 196)*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Gospel Partners: Complete the Work!" Fred Holbrook

*Sending People to Serve in the World*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC Martin Luther  
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Joseph Linn  
Phil Holmes, trumpet – Linda Dover, piano

\*HYMN 540 "Farewell, Good Friends!" SHALOM CHAVERIM

## \*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Triumphant Fanfare" by B. Telles  
Phil Holmes, trumpet – Linda Dover, organ

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

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