



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2017

11:05am

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

PRELUDE "Chromatic Fugue" by Johann Pachelbel

THE LIGHT ENTERS Connor Chaffin

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

BLESSING OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS Laura Holbrook & Miles McDonald

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Revelation 5)

One: In the Book of Revelation, thousands upon thousands of the angels and the heavenly hosts sing:

All: **"Worthy is the Lamb, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."**

One: Then every creature in heaven and on earth sings:

All: **"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"  
Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 613 "O Lord, Our Lord" HOW MAJESTIC  
& HYMN 614 "Great Are You, Lord" GREAT IS THE LORD  
*(The children are invited to come forward on the final stanza.)*

## 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 (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)*

**We sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee." But our hearts are easily distracted. Many mornings we rush to make our coffee, get breakfast on the table, and get out the door to work or school or the golf course or the yoga studio. We easily forget to speak with you, O God. We know you are worthy of all praise and honor, but we forget, we simply forget. Please forgive us. Bring us before your throne of grace and fill us with your abiding presence. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
Friends, say the good news with me...  
All: **In Jesus Christ, our sins 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 love.)*

\*HYMN 643 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT  
"Now Thank We All Our God"

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

SUNG PRAYER "The Lord's Prayer" by Albert Hay Malotte  
Chancel Choir  
*Our Father which 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, (And do not bring us to the time of trial, alt.)  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS Revelation 5:6-14 Barb Purvis  
*(New Testament, Page 158)*

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

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

SERMON "God's Worthiness" Fred Holbrook

*Sending People to Serve in the World*

COMMISSIONING OF 2017-2018 CONFIRMATION CLASS  
Miles McDonald & Fred Holbrook

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC arr. Jack Schrader  
"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

\*HYMN 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE LIGHT DEPARTS Connor Chaffin

POSTLUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Joel Raney

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

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