



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 16, 2018

11:05am

Service of Worship
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "Sweet By and By" arr. Mark Haynes
Chris Krug, organ
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION KCK Hot Lunch Pam Stockman

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sarah Evans
One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
**All: God is at work in our lives,
We seek what is good and acceptable in God's sight.**
One: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

COME AS A CHILD Melanie Townsend
*(Children ages 4 through 1st 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*) Rev. Lonnie Lee
**Kind Shepherd, we confess that we are prone
to wander from your path and fold.
Our strength is not sufficient to make us walk rightly.
Our spirit is willing, but our flesh is weak.
Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit to do your holy will.
Help us live in a way that honors your holy name,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Sarah Evans
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 187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER Rev. Lonnie Lee

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

ANTHEM "And the Father Will Dance" Music by Mark Haynes
Chancel Choir based on Zephaniah 3:14, 17
& Psalm 34:2, 4
*And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom he loves.
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!
My soul will make its boast in God, for He has answered all my cries.
His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of new day.
Awake my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God!
Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!*

*Cast away fear for you have been restored!
Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.
And He will joy over you in song! God rejoices over you in song!*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 1:6–20 Cindy Schendel
(Old Testament, Page 48)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30
(New Testament, Page 11)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The Way of Christ" Rev. Lonnie Lee
*"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart ..." — Matthew 11:29a*

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC
"Prelude on 'Nettleton'" by Peter Pindar Stearns
Chris Krug, organ

*HYMN 182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" KINGSFOLD

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION Rev. Lonnie Lee

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Living Lord" by Gerald Peterson
Chris Krug, organ

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