



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2017 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE Aria in F Major G.F. Handel

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Philippians 3:13-14)

One: "Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

All: **we press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."**

One: We have gathered to give thanks and praise.

All: **Let us worship God.**

*HYMN 33 "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show" LLANFAIR
(The children are invited to come forward on the final stanza.)

COME AS A CHILD

*(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 (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)*

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your ways. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure people when we are stained. We see ourselves as great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sins. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(unison)* The Apostles' Creed (8th century)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 451 "Open My Eyes That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG PRAYER "The Lord's Prayer" by Bradley Ellingboe

Chancel Choir – Bob Dover, director

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 all our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, (And do not bring us to the time of trial, alt.)

but deliver us from evil. Thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 6:7–13 Angela Krug
(New Testament, Page 5)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "If God Talked Back" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC Chanson Gordon Young
Linda Dover, organ

*HYMN 515 "I Come with Joy" DOVE OF PEACE

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata in F Major Dietrich Buxtehude

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