



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2017

8:50am

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

\*SINGING

Sing Sing Sing

By Chris Tomlin

Meet Us Here

By Dan Marks

\*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.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Holbrook

*(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)*

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)*

**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 (8<sup>th</sup> 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.)*

\* SINGING

Cornerstone

By Reuben Morgan, Jonas Myrin, Eric Liljero, and Edward Mote

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

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

Meredith Watson

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Old Rugged Cross  
Grace Mountain Bluegrass

by George Bennard

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Church in the Wildwood  
Grace Mountain Bluegrass

by William Pitts

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

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