



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 23, 2018

11:05am

Service of Worship
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE

arr. Anna Laura Page

“My Lord Is With Me All the Time”

Geri Allcorn, organ

*“For where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.” Matthew 19:20*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Evans

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Amid the changing temperatures and colors of autumn,
we gather to worship.

All: We praise you, O God, for your Grace, unchanging and constant!

One: In these moments together, may our hearts and minds be open to
the inspiration you offer to us.

**All: We await your Good News to strengthen and empower us for the
coming days. Let us joyfully worship God!**

*HYMN 22

“God of the Sparrow”

ROEDER

NOISY OFFERING

For Heifer International

COME AS A CHILD

Barb Purvis

*(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, v. 2

“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. Don Wilson

**O God, our refuge and our strength; our present help in time of trouble,
you invite our trust. Yet, we live in a divided and troubled world; much
around us proclaims suspicion and mistrust. In a world where not all of
us look alike, nor hold the same values, we hear voices expressing
hatred, bigotry and discord. Our Lord urged love of neighbor, and even
love of enemy. We try, but often we fail. Thankfully, your Gospel
overflows with Grace, forgiveness, and compassion. Therein is our hope.
Therein is our calling. Empower us to embrace that hope so that we may
remain faithful to that call. Awaken us, we pray, to the vision of life as
you intend it to be. Hear us, as we call out to you in word or in silence.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Even to the heart that is closed: Even into the depth of despair,
our Lord calls: “Come to me all you who are carrying heavy
burdens, and I will give you rest.”

All: Thanks be to God!

*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 203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

CHERPONI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

Rev. Don Wilson

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

SUNG PRAYER 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

Beth Lillian, director – Donna Heer, violin

(Congregation sings v. 1 on cue)

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

(Congregation sings Refrains of vs. 1 & 2 on cue)

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 9:30-37

Rev. Don Wilson

(New Testament, Page 45)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Don Wilson

“What We Have Here Is a Failure to Communicate”

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

“Pastorale on ‘HOLY MANNA’”

arr. Gordon Young

Geri Allcorn, organ

*HYMN 727

THE SERVANT SONG

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Don Wilson

POSTLUDE

“Bachiana”

by Gordon Young

Geri Allcorn, organ

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