



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 23, 2018

8:50am

Service of Worship
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

*SINGING

Forever

By Chris Tomlin

Indescribable

By Laura Story
and Jesse Reeves

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Barb Purvis

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!**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NOISY OFFERING

For Heifer International

COME AS A CHILD

Barb Purvis

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. 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.)

*SINGING

Shout to the Lord

By Darlene Zschech

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

Rev. Don Wilson

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 9:30-37

(New Testament, Page 45)

Rev. Don Wilson

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

One Thing Remains

Praise Team

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

*SINGING

God of Wonders

By Marc Byrd
and Steve Hindalong

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Don Wilson

**If convenient/able, please stand.*

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