



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

THE LIGHT ENTERS Olivia Lee

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

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS Jason and Kara Baker, Savannah and Brayden
Jason and Kara, as members of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, you do not come to us as strangers, but as a sister and brother in Christ Jesus. We welcome you to the worship and work of Grace Covenant Church.

Will you now acknowledge your faith by answering the following questions?

- Do you turn to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
- Do you acknowledge yourself to be broken in the sight of God, and place your trust and hope in God's sovereign mercy?
- Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and companionship, to the breaking of bread and prayers?
- Will you share the good news of God's reconciling love with others, serve Christ, and seek to share God's love, justice, mercy and peace wherever you may be?

Questions to the Congregation:

- Do we, the members of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, welcome Jason and Kara, along with their children, Savannah and Brayden, into this household of faith?
- Do we promise to love and care for them in the way that God loves and cares for us, while encouraging them through our words and example to participate fully in the life of the church?

THE GRACE OF GENEROSITY

MOMENT FOR MISSION JCCP/Duschene Clinic George Bures

PRELUDE "Canon in D" by Johann Pachelbel
Hunter Lillian, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.
All: God's steadfast love endures forever.
One: Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel.
All: Stand firm in the Spirit, side by side. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 396 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" HOLY MANNA
(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 THE DAY *(unison)*

O God, from your providing hand even the dissatisfied and grumbling receive what they need for their lives. Teach us your ways of justice and lead us to practice your generosity, so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel. The gospel, the good news is made known through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 712 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" FOREST GREEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

SUNG INVITATION "Come Away to the Skies" arr. John Leavitt
Chancel Choir – Charter Ringers Traditional Lyrics
from *Southern Harmony Hymnal*

*Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise and rejoice in the day you were born;
on this festival day, come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return.*

*We with thanks do approve the design of that love which has joined us to Jesus' Name;
So united in heart let us nevermore part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.
Hallelujah we sing, to our Father and King, and with rapturous praises repeat:
To the Lamb that was slain, hallelujah again, sing all heaven, and fall at His feet. Amen!*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 105:1-6,37-45 Angela Krug
(Old Testament, Page 556)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 1:21-30
(New Testament, Page 196)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Just Passin' Through" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC American Folksong
"I'm Just a Poor Wayfarin' Stranger"
Terri Monrad & Donna Goeckler, vocals
& Grace Mountain Bluegrass Band – Christopher Callender, director

*I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger, traveling through this world of woe;
but there's no sickness, toil nor danger in that fair land to which I go.
I'm going there to see my father, I'm going there no more to roam;
I am just going over Jordan, I am just going over home.*

*I know dark clouds will gather round me; I know my way is rough and steep.
Yet beauteous fields rise before me where God redeems their vigil's keep.
I'm going there to see my mother; she said she'd meet me when I come.
I'm only going over Jordan; I'm only going over home.*

*HYMN 543 "O Christ, Surround Me" GREEN TYLER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE LIGHT DEPARTS Olivia Lee

POSTLUDE "Psalm XIX" by Benedetto Marcello
Linda Dover, organ

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