



Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
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Service of Worship
World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2017 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

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

THE GRACE OF GENEROSITY

PRELUDE "With Verdure Clad (Creation)" by Haydn with
Bob Dover, clarinet & Linda Dover, organ James Gay Jones

THE LIGHT ENTERS Carter Bucl

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 150)

One: We have come together to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

All: The firmament, the covering of earth and seas, is the roof of our sanctuary.

One: And so, we dwell in the house of God all the days of our lives as one people.

All: We will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God's steadfast hope in us.

One: Who today will bless God for God's surpassing greatness?

All: Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!

*HYMN 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON
(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 (701) "Lord, Prepare Me" SANCTUARY
(sing twice)

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Jesus, we ask that you take these prayers to the heart of God. We know the ways in which sin separates us from God. We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives. Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don't do. We want to love as you commanded, Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging may help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God's mercy and are assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this?

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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 love.)

*HYMN 501 "Feed Us, Lord" FEED US

SUNG CALL TO PRAISE "With a Voice of Singing" by Kenneth Jennings
Chancel Choir Words based on Isaiah 48:20b & Psalm 66:1-2

*With a voice of singing declare ye, and tell this;
utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah!
The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob. Hallelujah!
Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.
Sing forth the honor of his Name; make his praise glorious.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8 Ellin Schoenfeld
(Old Testament, Page 635)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 28:18-20
(New Testament, Page 34)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "God's Strategy" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERINGS AND MUSIC "Antiphon III" by Marcel Dupre

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

...Our Father, who 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 our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

When passing the bread say: "The bread of life given for you."

When passing the wine/juice say: "The cup of hope poured out for you." Responses may be: "Thanks be to God," "Amen," or "Alleluia."

(Trays contain red wine and white grape juice. For a gluten-free option, notify an usher and an elder will bring them to you.)

Communion Music "Carillon" by Leo Sowerby

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 69 "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE LIGHT DEPARTS Carter Bucl

POSTLUDE *(seated)* "The Master Hath Come" arr. Jeanne E. Shaffer
Bob Dover, clarinet – Edwin Fukunaga, piano
Linda Dover, organ

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

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