



Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church  
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Service of Worship  
 World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2017 8:50am

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

\*SINGING Great Are You Lord  
 by Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, and David Leonard  
 The Way  
 by Paul Baloche

THE LIGHT ENTERS Connor Chaffin

\*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!**

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

SHARING ABOUT GENEROSITY

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 (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.)*

\*SINGING 10,000 Reasons  
 By Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8 Harold Frye  
*(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*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table  
 The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer  
**...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution  
 The Sharing of the Bread and Cup  
*(The congregation will come forward, stopping at the chancel steps to receive communion by intinction. Take a piece of bread and then move to where the chalice is. Dip your bread into the cup when it is presented to you. Then return to your seat by way of the side aisles. The chalice on your right contains white grape juice while the one on your left contains red wine. If you prefer not to move, or prefer a gluten-free option, notify an usher and an elder will bring the elements to you.)*

Communion Music  
 Prayer after Communion

\*SINGING Our God  
 by Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin, and Jesse Reeves

THE LIGHT DEPARTS Connor Chaffin

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
*\*If convenient/able, please stand.*

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