



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 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.)

CANCER JOURNEY WITH GRACE Poppy Zurcher

PRELUDE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Sandra Eithun
Exaltation! Ringers – Trey Bures, director
*Come, Christians, Join to Sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!*

THE LIGHT ENTERS Conor Schesser

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: We lift up our eyes to the hills. From where does our help come?
All: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
One: The Lord is our keeper.
All: The Lord is like cooling shade on a hot day.

One: The Lord will keep our lives, holding us close.
All: The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. Amen!

*HYMN 45 "I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes" DUNDEE
(Psalm 121)
(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
*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 THE CONFESSION
One: Gracious and Holy God,
For those times we have chosen death over life for ourselves,
All: Forgive us. [Silence]
One: For those times we have chosen death over life for others,
All: Forgive us. [Silence]
One: For those times we have chosen not to receive your blessings,
All: Forgive us. [Silence]
All: For those times we have prevented others from receiving your blessings,
All: Forgive us. [Silence]
One: For each time we have made the easy choice of law over the hard choice of love,
All: Forgive us. [Silence]
One: O God of mercy,
All: Hear our prayers. [Silence]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: Sisters and brothers, I've got some news, some really *good* news. You know what? Those sins and burdens that were holding you down have been forgiven, wiped away, gone! I declare that, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are made new!
All: Thanks be to God! 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 749 "Come! Live in the Light!" WE ARE CALLED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

SUNG EXHORTATION "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" arr. Mark Hayes
Words by Bob Russell & Music by Bobby Scott
Exaltation!

*The road is long with many a winding turn that leads us to who knows where?
But I'm strong, strong enough to carry him. He ain't heavy, he's my brother.
So on we go, his welfare is my concern, no burden is he to bear, we'll get there.
For I know he would not encumber me. He ain't heavy, he's my brother.
If I'm laden at all, I'm laden with sadness that ev'ryone's heart
isn't filled with the gladness of love for one another.
It's a long, long road from which there is no return,
while we're on the way to there, why not share?
And the load doesn't weigh me down at all.
He ain't heavy, he's my brother.*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 121 Jean Hampton
(Old Testament, Page 571)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philemon 1–16
(New Testament, Page 215)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Free at Last" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERINGS AND MUSIC "Siciliana" by Johann Ludwig Krebs

*HYMN 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER

THE LIGHT DEPARTS Conor Schesser

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata" by Gordon Young

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