



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2017 8:50am

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

\*SINGING Waterfall  
Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash

Your Grace is Enough  
Matt Maher

THE LIGHT ENTERS  
Bradley Stromberg

\*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!**

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

## 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 (468) "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.)*

\*SINGING Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)  
Traditional/Chris Tomlin

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 121 Meredith Watson  
*(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*

## OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

\*SINGING We Believe  
Travis Ryan, Richie Fike,  
and Matt Hooper

THE LIGHT DEPARTS  
Bradley Stromberg

## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

## SENDING MUSIC

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