



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship  
Generosity Sunday

October 21, 2018 10:00am

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

WORSHIP CHIMES Linda Dover

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

INTROIT "Fantasy on KINGSFOLD" arr. Dean Wagner  
Jubilation! Ringers – Kathy Bures, director  
*May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
as stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
One: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.  
**All: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.**  
One: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:  
**All: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.**  
One: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.  
**All: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.**

\*SINGING "Today Is the Day" By Brenton Brown  
"Sing, Sing, Sing" By Chris Tomlin  
Praise Team & Congregation

*(The children are invited to come forward at the end of our singing.)*

COME AS A CHILD "Let There Be Light" by Ruth Elaine Schram  
Celebration! Singers  
Lara Schesser, director – Angela Krug, accompanist  
Lina McCamon, assistant director

Sing 658, v. 1 & 2 "God Is So Good"  
*God is so good; God is so good; God is so good;  
God's so good to me.  
God cares for me; God cares for me; God cares for me;  
God's so good to me.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
**As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living. As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in this world. Eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord. And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears. Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.**

\*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 651 "I Waited Patiently for God" LEWIS-TOWN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

SUNG GRATITUDE "O God Beyond All Praising" arr. Dan Forrest  
Chancel Choir from Gustav Holst, *The Planets*

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.  
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given the final victory.  
Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.  
(Words by Michael Perry)*

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON  
2 Corinthians 8:1-15  
*(New Testament, Page 182)*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Six Kernels of Giving" Rev. Mitch Trigger

*Sending People to Serve in the World*

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND MUSIC arr. David Lowe  
"For the Beauty of the Earth"  
Linda Dover, organ

\*HYMN 647 "Give Thanks" GIVE THANKS

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Autumn" A. Vivaldi, setting by Alan Ridout  
from *The Four Seasons*  
Linda Dover, organ

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

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