



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Generosity Sunday

October 22, 2017 10am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

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

PRELUDE "This Is My Father's World" arr. Kevin McChesney
Charter Ringers – Chris Krug & Celia Nicholas, directors
*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of
Rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
All: God's steadfast love endures forever.
One: Give thanks to God for the faith we share;
All: be steadfast in hope through Jesus Christ. Let us worship God.

*SINGING Blessed Be the Name
by Matt Redman and Beth Redman

We Believe

Praise Team & Congregation

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

COME AS A CHILD
(Children ages 4-8 are invited to leave for a special child-friendly activity around generosity. We will return during the Offering and prior to the Time of Commitment.)

Sing (693, v. 2 & 3) "Though I May Speak" GIFT OF LOVE
*Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY
You know each of us by name, O God, and in your sight we have found favor. Yet our minds cannot comprehend the vision of your glory or the vastness of your love. Grant that, as we glimpse your greatness, reflected in your many gifts, we may always return to you the praise that is yours alone. Help us to live our lives filled with generosity towards your children, whether they be close at hand, living in our nation, or in the many nations on earth. We ask this through Jesus our Lord. 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 702 "Christ Be Beside Me" BUNESSAN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

SUNG PRAYER "An Offering" Music by Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir & Instrumental Ensemble
*O Christ, who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld,
but poured forth your redeeming blood in love unparalleled;
What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss
that I may taste the fellowship that brings me near the cross.
Why should I cling to gifts you give? Why grasp in foolish pride
what you who gave yourself for me now bid me lay aside?
To know you is my highest gain, worth any sacrifice,
a treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price.
Yet if behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost,
teach me nothing offered you is ever truly lost.
A hundred-fold reward awaits in one glimpse of your face,
my sacrifice forgotten in the riches of your grace.
(Words by Eileen Berry)*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 123 Lisa Cox
(Old Testament, Page 572)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 25:14-28
(New Testament, Page 28)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Build or Bury" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERINGS AND MUSIC "The Gift of Love" by Hal Hopson
Linda Dover, organ

TIME OF COMMITMENT
Sing (695) "Change My Heart, O God" by Eddie Espinosa
*(Refrain – repeat as directed)
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. (Refrain)*

(698) "Take, O Take Me as I Am" by John L. Bell
*(Sing repeatedly as in meditation)
Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

*BLESSING FOR THE MEAL AND BENEDICTION

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