



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Reformation Sunday – 500 Year Anniversary

October 29, 2017 8:50am

“In time of public worship, let all the people attend with gravity and reverence; forbearing to read anything except what the minister is reading or citing; abstaining from all whisperings, from salutations of persons present or coming in; and from gazing about, sleeping, smiling, and all other improper behavior. It is highly important that children should be with their parents, and that the members of a family should sit together.” (From the 1925 Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church in the United States)

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

THE PEOPLE GATHER “Highland Cathedral”
Fred Holbrook – bagpipes

*SINGING How Great Is Our God
by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves,
and Ed Cash

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Hymn 275

*CALL TO WORSHIP [From the P.C.(U.S.A.) Brief Statement of Faith—1983]
One: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
All: In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people. Let us worship as one community.

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Red Bag Project Angela Krug

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 (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 CONFESSION (*unison*) (Written by John Knox, Scotland—1553)
Omnipotent and everlasting God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy eternal providence disposes kingdoms, as seemeth best to thy wisdom, we acknowledge and confess thy judgments to be righteous. We have contemned thy word, and despised thy mercies. We have transgressed thy laws, for deceitfully have we wrought every one of them with our neighbors. Oppression and violence we have not abhorred. Charity hath not appeared among us, as our profession requireth. We have little regarded the voices of thy prophets. Thy threatening we have esteemed vanity and wind, so that in us, as of ourselves, rests nothing worthy of thy mercies. All are found fruitless, even the princes with the prophets, as withered trees apt and meet to be burnt in the fire of thy eternal displeasure. But, O Lord, behold thy own mercy and goodness. Let thy love overcome the severity of thy judgments, even as it did in giving to the world thy only Son, Jesus. Regenerate our hearts, O Lord, by the strength of thy Holy Ghost. Convert thou us, and we shall be converted. Work thou in us unfeigned repentance, and move thou our hearts to obey thy holy laws. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (From the Heidelberg Catechism, Germany—1563)
One: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?
All: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sin, and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. 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 Shout to the Lord by Darlene Zsesch

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 3:1-6 Colleen Carroll
(Old Testament, Page 50)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Peter 2:4-10
(New Testament, Page 233)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Me? A Minister?” Fred Holbrook

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Nicene Creed” Hymnal, page 34
Council of Nicaea—A.D. 325 and revised in A.D. 381

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

*SINGING I Will Follow
by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram,
and Reuben Morgan

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”
(Written by John Newton—1779)
Fred Holbrook – bagpipes

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

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Gratitude is expressed to the Rev. Ron Galvin, interim pastor at the New Hope Parish and a member of Heartland Presbytery, for much of the liturgy used this morning.*