



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship  
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017 11:05am

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

PRELUDE Linda Dover

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING *(continued)*

INTROIT "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Brian Childers  
Exaltation! Ringers – Trey Bures, director  
*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by thy righteous, omnipotent hand."*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
One: Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, I am with you always."  
**All: We trust Christ's promised presence. We lay fear aside and rest in the comfort and love of God.**  
One: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 734 "Hope of the World" DONNE SECOURS

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 (658, v. 1 & 3) "God Is So Good" GOD IS SO GOOD  
*God is so good; God is so good; God is so good, God's so good to me.  
God loves me so; God loves me so; God loves me so, God's so good to me.*

PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY *(unison)* (From the Rev. Jennifer Phillips)  
**Governor of Nations, our Strength and Shield:  
we give you thanks for the devotion and courage  
of all those who have offered military service for this country:**

**For those who have fought for freedom;  
for those who laid down their lives for others;  
for those who have borne suffering of mind or of body;  
for those who have brought their best gifts to times of need.**

**On our behalf they have entered into danger,  
endured separation from those they love,  
labored long hours, and borne hardship in war and in peacetime.**

**Lift up, by your mighty Presence, those who are now at war;  
encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home;  
guard those in any need or trouble, particularly those with PTSD;  
hold safely in your hands all military families;  
and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home;**

**Give to us, your people, grateful hearts  
and a united will to honor these men and women  
and hold them always in our love and our prayers;  
until your world is perfected in peace through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
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 819 "Be Still, My Soul" FINLANDIA

SONG OF HOPE "They Shall Soar Like Eagles" by Laura Manzo  
Exaltation! – Kat Mason, flute Based on Isaiah 40:29-31  
*They shall soar like eagles; rise up and soar like eagles.  
They who wait upon the Lord shall not be weary.  
They shall never stumble, but gain new strength and power.  
They who wait upon the Lord.  
Those who are weary and burdened with sorrow need  
not despair there is hope for tomorrow.  
God will be there each time you call on him.*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Lamentations 3:1-24 Kendra Holtzman  
*(Old Testament, Page 766)*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 22:1-5  
*(New Testament, Page 260)*

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

SERMON "Wounded and Weary" Fred Holbrook

A LITANY OF RESPONSE TO THE WORD

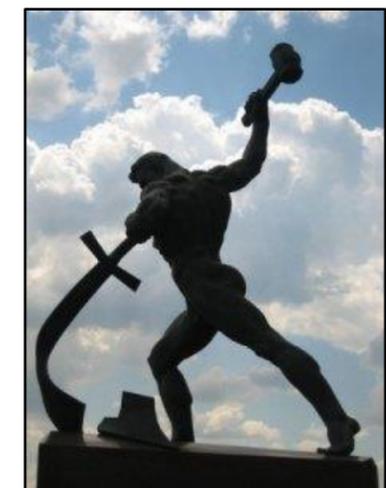
*Sending People to Serve in the World*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC by L. LeBlanc and P. Baloche  
"Above All" arr. Mark Hayes  
*Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things;  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,  
you were there before the world began.  
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,  
above all wonders the world has ever known.  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,  
there's no way to measure what you're worth.  
Crucified, laid behind the stone; you lived to die, rejected and alone;  
Like a rose trampled on the ground,  
You took the fall and thought of me above all.*

\*HYMN 177 "I Will Come to You" YOU ARE MINE  
*(Verses – Soloists; Refrains – All on cue)*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Linda Dover  
**\*If convenient/able, please stand.**  
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Let Us Beat Swords into Plowshares, a sculpture by Evgeniy Vuchetich in the United Nations Art Collection