



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017 8:50am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

*SINGING Come, Now Is the Time to Worship by Brian Doerksen
Beautiful One by Tim Hughes

*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.**

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

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS Christopher and Laurie Callender
Lindsay, Logan, and Lauren
Christopher and Laurie, as members of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, you do not come to us as strangers, but as a sister and brother in Christ Jesus. We welcome you to the worship and work of Grace Covenant Church.

Will you now acknowledge your faith by answering the following questions?

- Do you believe that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior?
- Do you acknowledge yourself to be broken in the sight of God, and place your trust and hope in God's sovereign mercy?
- Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and companionship, to the breaking of bread and prayers?

- Will you share the good news of God's reconciling love with others, serve Christ, and seek to share God's love, justice, mercy and peace wherever you may be?

Questions to the Congregation:

- Do we, the members of Grace Covenant, welcome Christopher and Laurie, along with their children, Lindsay, Logan, and Lauren, into this household of faith?
- Do we promise to love and care for them in the way that God loves and cares for us, while encouraging them through our words and example to participate fully in the life of the church?

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 (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;
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.)

*SINGING At All Times by Vicki Beeching

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Lamentations 3:1-24 Aidan Erckert
(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
"They Shall Soar Like Eagles" by Laura Manzo
Exaltation! – Kat Mason, flute
Based on Isaiah 40:29-31

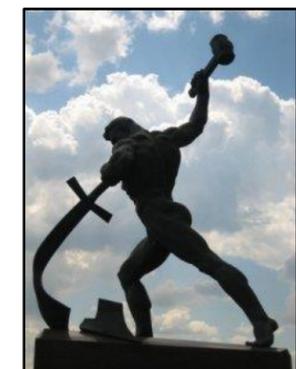
*SINGING Oceans by Matt Crocker, Joel Houston,
and Solomon Lightelm

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

****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