



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship

November 18, 2018

11:05am

Gathering all People in a Caring Christian Community

GATHERING CHIMES

Linda Dover, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)

INTROIT

“Chorale Prelude on a German Hymn Tune” arr. Claude T. Smith

Symphony Orchestra – Pam Kelly, director

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,

That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.

The moon shines full at God’s command, all the stars obey.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: There is no holy One like the Lord, no rock like our God who causes my heart to rejoice and my strength to increase;

All: For the Lord is a God of knowledge, who judges our actions.

One: Who breaks the power of the mighty, and clothes the feeble with strength;

All: The Lord makes rich and makes poor, brings low and lifts up.

One: Raising up the poor from the dust and the needy from the ash heap;

All: Giving them seats of honor and guarding the feet of those who are faithful.

*HYMN 37

“Let All Things Now Living”

ASH GROVE

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 & 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

(Spoken together - excerpt from the Confession of 1967)

The reconciliation of man through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God’s good creation. The church calls every person to use his or her abilities, possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to that person by God for the maintenance of his or her family and the advancement of the common welfare. It encourages those forces in human society that raise people’s hopes for better conditions and provide them with opportunity for a decent living. A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.

*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 Jesus’ love.)

*HYMN 687

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURES LESSON

1 Samuel 1:4-20

(Old Testament, Page 244)

Nancy Kalesz

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words,
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place”

by David Conte

with “The Church’s One Foundation”

(Congregation sings on Pam Kelly’s cue – see insert for hymn)

Chancel Choir – Brass Quartet – Linda Dover, organ

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts, to me!

My thirsty soul desires and longs within thy courts to be:

my very heart and flesh cry out, O living God for thee.

*Beside thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with thee and praise thee without rest,
and happy they whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim’s quest.*

*And were it but a moment that this pilgrim like a bird
could rise unto that place where songs of praise more fair are heard,
ascending to thy throne above whence radiates thy Word.*

*From ‘mongst the mighty and the meek whose pleadings never cease
would, then, his thirsty soul and longing heart, at last, find peace
amidst the thronging crowds of saints who’d found with him release.*

(Paraphrase of Psalm 84)

SERMON

“Wouldn’t Want to Be One”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

“Deep River”

arr. James Swearingen

Symphony Orchestra

Sending People to Serve Christ in the World

*HYMN 643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

NUN DANKET

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *(seated)*

“German Hymn Tune”

arr. Claude T. Smith

Symphony Orchestra – Pam Kelly, director

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