



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2017 11:05am

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

PRELUDE "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J. S. Bach

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

INTROIT "Grazioso" by Arnold Sherman  
Charter Ringers  
Chris Krug & Celia Nicholas, directors  
*"Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory,  
because of your love and faithfulness." Psalm 115:1*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
One: Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
**All: You alone, O Lord, are holy.**  
One: Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
**All: Alleluia! Come and fill our hearts with your peace.**  
One: You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
**All: Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

\*HYMN 401 "Here in This Place" GATHER US IN

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 OF OPENESS AND HEALING (*unison*) (from Hymnal #783)  
**When we are tested and wrestle alone,  
famished for bread when the world offers stone,  
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,  
food that sustains us by night and by day.**

**When in the desert we cry for relief,  
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,  
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,  
trusting your presence, our only true test.**

**When we are tempted to barter our souls,  
trading the truth for the power to control,  
teach us to worship and praise only you,  
seeking your will in the work that we do.**

**When we have struggled and searched through the night,  
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,  
Savior, surround us with circles of care,  
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer. 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 367 "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

SUNG SCRIPTURE "The Mind of Christ" by Mark Hayes  
Chancel Choir Adapted from Philippians 2:5-11  
*May we have the mind of Christ, who was in very nature God.  
He laid aside his crown, from glory he came down, Divinity within a human soul.  
May we have the mind of Christ, for love, he emptied up himself.  
Becoming like a slave, to all he freely gave.  
He stooped to wash the feet of common men. May we be more like you, Lord.  
May we have the mind of Christ, who knew the very heart of God.  
He embraced the Father's will and climbed Golgotha's hill,  
obedience for all the world to see, on Calvary.  
Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place.  
That at the name of Jesus, that glorious name, that wonderful name of Jesus,  
ev'ry knee on earth should bow and ev'ry tongue in heav'n confess that Jesus Christ is  
Lord. Let ev'ry heart adore, let ev'ry voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord!*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 3:1-4 Ellin Schoenfeld  
*(Old Testament, Page 489)*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 18:9-14  
*(New Testament, Page 81)*

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

SERMON "Exalted Through Humility" Fred Holbrook

*Sending People to Serve in the World*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC by Robert Lau  
"3 Variations on 'Simple Gifts'"

\*HYMN 546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" SICILIAN MARINERS

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Recessional" by John Carter

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