



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2017 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" by Beethoven

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Argentine Baby Closet Barb Purvis

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER Gordon Philip

Gordon, as a member of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, you do not come to us as a stranger, but as a 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 Gordon into this household of faith?
- Do we promise to love and care for him in the way that God loves and cares for us, while encouraging him through our words and example to participate fully in the life of the church?

Prayer

INTROIT "Praise the Lord" by G. F. Handel
from the oratorio, *Judas Maccabeus* arr. Hal H. Hopson
Chancel Choir
*Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth.
Sing alleluia. Praise His name forevermore.
Shout, sing, and dance and celebrate. Rejoice. Let all within us praise his name.
Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia.
Rejoice. O praise his name forevermore.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
All: God's steadfast love endures forever.
One: The Lord is God; we are God's people.
All: We are the sheep of God's pasture. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

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.*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)
[from *The Confession of 1967*, P.C.(U.S.A.) *Book of Confessions*]
God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of humanity's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes human's natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that God's purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from God's creation.

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists God's will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in humanity and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

"Now to God who, by the power at work within us, is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. 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 264 "At the Name of Jesus" KING'S WESTON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

SUNG ADORATION "Beautiful Savior" arr. Julie Knowles
Terri Monrad, Rebecca Prater, & Kendra Holtzman
*Beautiful Saviour, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man.
Truly I'd love thee. Truly I'd serve thee.
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 100 Barb Purvis
(Old Testament, Page 552)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23
(New Testament, Page 192)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Glimpses of Glory" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC
"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Page

*HYMN 273 "He Is King of Kings" HE IS KING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" arr. Burkhardt

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