



Worship for Sunday
January 20, 2019
10:30 a.m.

Our Mission:
Growing in Spirit
Living as Disciples
Serving God's World



Preparation for Worship

Many voices ask for our attention. There is a voice that says, "Prove that you are a good person." Another voice says, "You'd better be ashamed of yourself." ...But underneath all these often very noisy voices is a still, small voice that says, "You are my Beloved, my favor rests on you." That's the voice we need most of all to hear. To hear that voice, however, requires special effort; it requires solitude, silence, and a strong determination to listen. That's what prayer is. It is listening to the voice that calls us "my Beloved".

—Henri Nouwen

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus
Sean Cator, Pianist

Arr. Halberg

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the friendship register.

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

† *Please stand if you are able.*

† Call to Worship

One: See what love God has given us, that we should be called children of God.
(1 John 3:1)

Many: Let us take heart, for we belong to God.

One: As a mother comforts her child, so God comforts us. (*Isaiah 63:16*)

Many: Let us live in hope, for we are held by God.

One: The Lord is our Father; our redeemer from old is his name. (*Isaiah 66:13*)

Many: Let us hold fast to the truth: We are God's beloved.

† Hymn #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in baptism you claim us as your children. Yet amidst the noise of the world, we find it hard to hear your voice calling us beloved. In Broken and difficult days, we question your love for us. In fragmented times, we let fear and anger divide us from your children who are different from us. Lord, in all of these things, our sin is that we have not wholly comprehended the reality of your love for us. We have not surrendered to let your love transform us. Meet us today in our broken state, forgive us, and renew us by your gracious and enduring love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One Voice: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away; everything has become new. Hear the good news of the Gospel: In Christ, you are loved, forgiven, and free.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God!

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem

Come to the Water
Chancel Choir

Foley

Children's Message

Penny Newsome

† Hymn #463

How Firm a Foundation

Scripture

Luke 3:21-22; Isaiah 43:1-7

Sermon

Hearing Love Underwater

Rev. Katie Murchison Ross

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Nina

Pergolesi

Lauren Shoemaker, cello; Mark Shoemaker, piano

Response #609

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

Chuck Barber

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Depart To Serve God

† Parting Hymn #547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

† Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on Foundation
Sean Cator, Pianist

Arr. Wheatley



The Flowers Were Dedicated by Penny Newsome

In Honor of My Twin Sister's 60th Birthday

Your greeters today were Mike and Jenell Phillips.

Please sign up in the Narthex for flowers for 2019.

From Pastor Katie

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for hosting the joyous occasion of my ordination and installation service on January 6th. Thanks to all who helped to make the service happen, especially the APNC, Worship, Fellowship, and Ushers. I am so lucky to be welcomed here at Grace as your pastor and look forward to our ministry together!

From Fellowship

Many thanks to the following volunteers who helped with Grace's Fellowship functions over the last few months; including setting up, picking up supplies, providing baked goods, and cleaning up. (And someone who put together 20 Gingerbread houses to decorate! I don't want to embarrass this woman, but her initials are K.S.) These wonderful angels include The Anckners, The Bouchards, The Bryants, Warren Clayton, The Crooks, Veronica Crump, Sharron Dreyer, Glenda Etchison, Dee Dee Faulkner, Pat Ferrell, Judy Fitton, Reecie Ford, Mary Helmantoler, Rosalie Lawson, The Littles, Donna Lucas-Fitzpatrick, The Machados, Beth Ann McClelland, Penny Newsome, The Patricks, The Phillipses, Marty Post, Judy Riekse, The Schloegels (including daughter Lauren), Laura Senich, Jean Smith, The Sowdens, Susan Stryker, Peter Smith, Nelson Thurman, Esther Wade, and of course Pastor Ben! (Please forgive me if I have left someone out.) Your ever grateful Fellowship Elder, Laura Peterson.



***WE ARE VERY GLAD YOU CHOSE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!
PLEASE SIGN OUR FRIENDSHIP REGISTER SO THAT WE CAN
GREET YOU BY NAME AND CALL ON YOU IF YOU WISH.***

***ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - ...Even if they
fidget! Worship Bags are available for young children with a
children's bulletin, books, and crayons, and a Nursery is avail-
able downstairs in Room 5 for infants through 3-year-olds.***

After the Children's Message, children have their own worship experience downstairs. Play 'n' Worship is for preschoolers, and Bridges to Worship is for K-3rd graders. Please pick up children before going to Fellowship. K-3rd graders will be in the Bridges Room (Room 14), and all other children will be in the Nursery (Room 5).

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Classes are offered at 9:15 a.m. from the 2nd Sunday in September through the 3rd Sunday in May. Children's Discipleship provides classes for 4-year-olds through 12th graders, and Adult Discipleship reaches all adults after high school.

GRACE INSIGHTS - Learn more about Grace Church, our mission, and our denomination, PC(USA), in classes that form throughout the year. If you are considering membership and would like to attend a class or if you have interest in learning more about us, please speak to one of our pastors or Elder Valerie Wenderoth. You will find Grace a very welcoming place. The next class is on February 17 from 9:15-1:00.

PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!

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