



*Worship for Sunday
February 24, 2019
10:30 a.m.*

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

Preparation for Worship



Ministers and congregation both, they came to church year after year, and who is to say how if at all their lives were changed as the result? If you'd stopped and asked them on any given Sunday, I suspect they would have said they weren't changed much. Yet they kept on coming anyway; and beneath all the lesser reasons they had for doing so, so far beneath that they themselves were only half ware of it, I think there was a deep reason, and if I could give only one word to characterize that reason, the word I would give is hope....

I think it is hope that lies at our hearts and hope that finally brings us all here. Hope that, in spite of all the devastating evidence to the contrary, the ground we stand on is holy ground because Christ walked here

and walks here still. Hope that we are known, each one of us, by name, and that out of the burning moments of our lives he will call us by our names to the lives he would have us live and the selves he would have us become. Hope that into the secret grief and pain and bewilderment of each of us and of our world he will come at last to heal and to save.

--Frederick Buechner

(From the sermon "Hope" originally published in A Room Called Remember and later in Secrets in the Dark)

We Gather in God's Name

Voluntary

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
Sean Cator, Pianist

Arr. Medema

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.

† Call to Worship

One: Listen to the stories of God,
Many: Passed down by the faithful from age to age.
One: Listen to the Son of God,
Many: Teaching us how to live, love, and serve.
One: Listen to the voice of God,
Many: Proclaiming the broken world *beloved*.
One: Listen and worship, People of God,
Many: For God is here among us!

† Hymn #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer of Confession

God of abundant mercy,
you alone can turn evil into good,
sorrow into rejoicing,
and death into everlasting life.
Forgive us our frailties and our fragile faith.
Instead, teach us your way of grace—
to meet hatred with kindness,
to answer curses with blessing,
to love without holding back,
to give without thought of return;
All in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the good news: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting unto
everlasting. As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our
transgression from us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

† Hymn #795 Healer of Our Every Ill

Scripture Luke 6:27-38

Sermon *Faithful Resistance* Rev. Dr. Benton Trawick

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Come and Fill Me Up* Doersken
Praise Band

Response #609 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication Mary Helmantoler

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Depart To Serve God

† Hymn #69 *Here I Am, Lord*

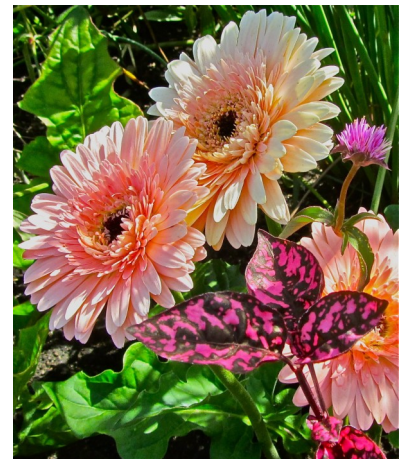
† Benediction

Prelude *Glory and Praise to Our God* Arr. Medema
Sean Cator, Pianist

*The Flowers Are Dedicated
by Mary Helmantoler*

“With Gratitude for Families Everywhere!”

*Your greeters today were members of the 2019
Confirmation Class.*





***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 4-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 5-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 groups that form throughout the year. If you are considering membership 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 24 from 11:45-1:00, and includes childcare and lunch for participants and children.

PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!

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