

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

(4th Sunday after Epiphany)

10:15 AM

January 29, 2017

--Ready for the Word --

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

Spiritual arranged by Eithun

“In the Morning When I Rise”

Invitation to Worship

Leader: God takes us by the hand and leads us. In covenant with God, we extend light to the world.

People: Eyes are opened and prisoners are freed. By God’s strength, justice and peace prevail.

Leader: Worship with joy and give glory to God’s name. Listen for the new things our Lord declares.

People: We remember that we have been baptized. May we live as those with whom God is pleased.

Leader: Let us worship our Lord.

Choral Beginning

by West

“For We Come, Bound Together As One”

*We Sing Together

Hymnbook No. 483

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

We Confess Together

God of glory, we confess that our lives have not glorified you. God of justice, we admit our complicity with systems of injustice. God of light, we are aware of the shadows we create that keep others from seeing you. All-inclusive God, we repent of our narrow vision and our tendency to exclude. Purge us of the idols that keep us from full commitment to the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: God destroys the wisdom of those who think themselves wise. God chooses the weak and foolish to shame those who think themselves strong and all-knowing.

People: The God who forgives calls us to a life of kindness, mercy and justice.

Leader: In this we are challenged and in this we rejoice, because God does forgive us all.

*Response

Hymnbook No. 276

Verse 3: Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

-- Receiving the Word --

*Passing of the Peace and Children’s Story (congregation seated)

*Song of Praise

Hymnbook No. 275

“God of Our Life”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 698)

Jeremiah 1: 4-8

New Testament Lesson (page 166)

1 Corinthians 1: 4-9

Reflection

“What Are We Lacking?”

Musical Offering

arranged by Eithun

“To God Be the Glory”

-- Responding to the Word --

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Offertory

arranged by Parks

“Everything Within Me Worships You with Fairest Lord Jesus”

*Hymn of Commitment

Hymnbook No. 343

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*Blessing

*Response

Bunessan

“Christ Beside Me”

*Musical Postlude

by Purcell

“Fanfare in C Major”

*Please rise as able

Participants in today’s service include: Cassandra Weaver (worship leader), Senior Bells (prelude, musical offering), Rev. Judson Bennett (children’s story), Senior Choir (offertory, responses), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Steve Cureton (reflection). Reflection for next week: “The Big Game”