

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship (8th Sunday after Pentecost)

9:30 AM

July 30, 2017

--Ready for the Word--

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

arranged by Chung

“Be Thou My Vision with Amazing Grace”

Invitation to Worship

Leader: In the name of God, wondrous, mysterious, marvelous.

People: In the name of Jesus, among us, beyond us, with us.

Leader: In the name of the Spirit, strange, startling, shaking, we are called to worship.

People: We come to lift our hearts and minds, to open our lips and our lives, to celebrate our God.

Leader: God calls us to God’s way in our time.

People: We accept that call!

Choral Beginning

“I Come with Joy”

*We Sing Together

Hymnbook No. 441

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

We Confess Together

In confession, O God, we acknowledge our failure: We have failed to hear your Word and have heeded, instead, the world’s words; we have failed to seek your light and have sought, instead, lesser lights; we have been forgetful of your will and have followed, instead, our own whims, wishes, and wonderings. But we long, O God, for your empowering love. Forgive us... (silent confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: God’s love is like gentle rain on a hot summer’s day. It is love that accepts, forgives, and frees us to begin life anew.

People: We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God. So let us live your love!

*Response

Grove Songbook No. 11

“Change My Heart, O God”

*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.*

*You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.*

--Receiving the Word--

*Passing of the Peace

Children’s Story

*Song of Praise

Grove Songbook No. 33

“I Am a Promise”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 26)

Genesis 29: 15-28

New Testament Lesson (page 14)

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Reflection

“Weaving the Future”

Musical Offering

by Baermann

“Adagio”

--Responding to the Word--

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Hymnbook Pg. 16

Offertory

by Stamitz

“Romance”

*Hymn of Commitment

Hymnbook No. 339

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction— *sung with Congregation*

Hymnal Rack Insert

“May God Bless You”

*Musical Postlude

*Please rise as able

Today we welcome Rev. Sally Dries. Ordained in 1976 in the United Church of Christ. Pastor of Salem UCC in Coal Township for 22 years. Program Director for Lay Ministry in the 21st Century for the UCC Tri-Penn Conferences for 9 years retiring in 2014. She grew up in the Mountain Presbyterian Church outside of Sunbury. Attended Camp Kanessatake and counseled at Kanessatake and Krislund. Graduated from Penn State and Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California.

Participants today include: Gregory A. Bitler (worship leader, musical offering, offertory), Senior Choir (choral beginning), Lynne Pabst (children’s story), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Sally Dries (reflection). Visiting Preacher for next week - The Rev. Nancy Hardy. Sermon: **“Wrestling with God”**