

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship
(11th Sunday after Pentecost)

9:30 AM

August 20, 2017

-- Ready for the Word--

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

by Mansfield

“Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul”

Invitation to Worship

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like a summer rain which restores the parched earth.

Leader: It is like a cool breeze at the shore of a lake, at the top of a mountain or through a crowded city street.

People: God meets us here.

Leader: We are gathered to worship the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls and the Breath of Our Lives.

People: Let us worship our God!

Choral Beginning – *sung with Congregation*

Grove Songbook No. 77

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

*We Sing Together

Hymnal No. 469

“Morning Has Broken”

Verse 1: Men Verse 2: Women Verse 3: All

We Confess Together

O God from whom all blessings flow: Lead us by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit to think those things which are right, and enable us by the power of your love to do them. We confess the ease with which we hurt one another; the ease with which we turn our backs on the hurt of the world. We confess that so often we seek our own security over the common good. Enable us to feel and know true sisterly and brotherly care within one family. Encourage us to be the community of your people, the Body of Christ in the world. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Take heart; do not be afraid. Every one who calls upon God’s name will be saved. We are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Response

Hymnal No. 341

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long (2x).

--Receiving the Word--

*Passing of the Peace

Children’s Story

*Song of Praise

Hymnal No. 298

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 42)

Genesis 45: 1-15

New Testament Lesson (page 17)

Matthew 15: 10-28

Reflection

“Reconcile”

Musical Offering

by Hopson

“The Gift of Love”

--Responding to the Word--

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal Pg. 16

Offertory

arranged by Howlett

“Ivory Palaces”

*Hymn of Commitment

Hymnal No. 358

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction – *sung with Congregation*

Insert

“May God Bless You”

*Musical Postlude

by Wagner

“Carillon Toccata”

*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 Kanesatake, counseled at Kanesatake and Krislund, and graduated from Penn State and Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA.

Participants in today’s service include: Christian D. LaMotte (worship leader), senior choir (musical offering), Lynne Pabst (children’s story), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Sally Dries (reflection). Visiting preacher for next week – The Rev. Sally Dries. Sermon: **“Be Transformed”**