

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship (12th Sunday after Pentecost)

9:30 AM
August 27, 2017

--Ready for the Word--

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

by Handel

“Thine Is the Glory”

Invitation to Worship

Leader: In the presence of the God whose word called the stars into being,

People: we stand in awe.

Leader: In the presence of the Christ whose arms held little children and whose eyes sparkled with laughter,

People: we stand in trust.

Leader: In the presence of the Spirit who stirs within us and causes our hearts to thirst for meaning,

People: we stand in longing.

Leader: Before you, God, giver of life, in search of love and truth and wholeness,

People: we come in worship.

Choral Beginning

“From the Rising of the Sun”

*We Sing Together

Hymnal No. 281

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

We Confess Together

Loving Creator God: We examine our lives in confession this morning, not in an attitude of fear, for when we confess our unfaithfulness we are assured of your faithful love. And when we look at our lives, our church, our world, and see so much that falls short of fullness, we would be overwhelmed by despair except for your overwhelming care. Grant us the making-new power of forgiveness that we might begin afresh, this time with our hands more firmly clasped in yours. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God transforms our weakness and brokenness into strengthened faith and renewed hope. God empowers us to do more than we can imagine to be possible. Accept the forgiving love of God.

People: We accept God’s forgiveness. Thanks be to God!

*Response

in the style of Taizé

Choir sings first, then Congregation sings two times:

*O Lord, hear our prayer; O Lord hear our prayer. When we call, answer us.
O Lord, hear our prayer; O Lord, hear our prayer. Come and listen to us.*

--Receiving the Word--

*Passing of the Peace

Children’s Story

*Song of Praise

Hymnal No. 372

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 49)

Exodus 1: 8-2: 10

New Testament Lesson (page 161)

Romans 12: 1-8

Reflection

“Be Transformed”

Musical Offering

by Beck

“Lord, Here Am I”

--Responding to the Word--

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal Pg. 16

Offertory

arranged by Hayes

“He Hideth My Soul”

*Hymn of Commitment

Hymnal No. 369

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction - with Congregation

Grove Songbook No. 87

“This Is My Prayer”

*Musical Postlude

arranged by Kolander

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*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: Merry B. Hackenberg (worship leader), Kessey Kieselhorst (musical offering), Senior Choir (choral beginning and benediction), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Sally Dries (children’s story, reflection). Visiting preacher for next week – The Rev. Nancy Hardy. Sermon: “A Prescription for Living”.