

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

(13th Sunday after Pentecost)

9:30 AM

September 3, 2017

-- Ready for the Word--

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

by Handel

“Thine Is the Glory”

Invitation to Worship

Choral Beginning

“Come Into His Presence, Singing Alleluia”

*We Sing Together

Hymnal No. 455

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Verses 1-4

We Confess Together

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.

People: We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Response

Hymnbook No. 487, vs. 4

Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song Through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

-- Receiving the Word --

*Passing of the Peace

Children’s Story

*Song of Praise

Hymnal No. 339

“Be Thou My Vision”

Prayer for Understanding

Epistle Lesson (page 162)

Romans 12: 9-12

Gospel Lesson (page 18)

Matthew 16: 21-28

Reflection

“A Prescription for Living”

Musical Offering

by Franck

“Panis Angelicus”

-- Responding to the Word --

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

by Mansfield

“Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul”

*Doxology

Hymnal No. 593

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Those who wish, are invited to say to your neighbor when you serve them:

...the body of Christ broken for you...

...the blood of Christ shed for you...

Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Hymnal Pg. 16

*Song of Commitment

Hymnal No. 386

“O for a World”

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction

Insert

“Go Now in Peace”

*Postlude

by Handel

“March in D”

*Please rise as able

We welcome today, Rev. Nancy Light Hardy, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. A graduate of Dickinson College (B.A.), Brown University (M.A.T.), and Andover Newton Theological School (M. Div), she has pastored churches in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania and served for six years on the staff of Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. She served most recently as interim pastor of the Orangeville Charge, comprising Zion UCC, St. James UCC, and Orangeville United Church (federated UCC/PCUSA). Nancy is the mother of two adult daughters. She and her husband, Richard, live in Huntington Mills.

Participants in today’s service include: Paige Kupas (worship leader), Greg Bitler (prelude and musical offering), Senior Choir (choral beginning and benediction), Jud Bennett (Children’s Story), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Nancy Hardy (reflection). Visiting Preacher for next week’s **10:15 a.m. Service** – Rev. Steve Cureton. Sermon: “*What’s in a Word?*”