

Grove Presbyterian Church
Service of Worship
(16th Sunday after Pentecost)

September 24, 2017
10:15 AM

-- **Ready for the Word** --

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

Gaelic tune

“Morning Has Broken”

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Our God has searched us and known us. God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

People: God discerns our thoughts from far away and is acquainted with all our ways.

Leader: Such knowledge is too vast and wonderful!

People: God knows us deeply and loves us endlessly. Praise God!

Choral Beginning

“From the Rising of the Sun”

*We Sing Together

Hymnal No. 138

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

We Confess Together

God, our fears and prejudices run deep. Sometimes we can only see our own point of view. We stick with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones. We do not hear those crying for justice and true peace. We blame those who are suffering and in need, instead of standing by them. We deny the power of your gospel to unite us with those who are different from us. Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Open us to new possibilities of life for all of your people, and use us to enact the new life given in Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God’s life-giving Word and Spirit conquer the powers of sin and death. Thanks be to God for the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

-- **Receiving the Word** --

*Passing the Peace

Children’s Story

The Sacrament of Baptism

Lorelei Christine LaMotte

Musical Offering

by Harris

“Find Your Wings”

Minute for Stewardship: Nurture, Youth, Education

Song of Praise

Insert

“The Summons” Verses 1-4

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 194)

Joshua 1:7-9

New Testament Lesson (page 92)

John 1:35-39

Reflection

“Come and See”

-- **Responding to the Word** --

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal Pg. 16

Offertory

arranged by Osterland

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

*Hymn of Commitment

Insert

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction – sung with Congregation

Insert

“The Summons” Verse 5

Recessional – please remain seated

by McGraw

“Always Be Humble and Kind”

*Please rise as able

We welcome Mike Hamme as our speaker today – Mike is the Area Director of Northbranch Younglife, and partners in ministry with his wife Stephanie and their children: Emmah (4) and James (10 months). Mike also coaches wrestling and lacrosse at the middle and high schools. The Hammes relocated from Chicago in 2014 when a group of concerned adults in Danville wanted to impact teenagers in the community, and decided that nondenominational international Younglife was the way to “introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith”. Northbranch Younglife has been reaching kids in the Danville middle and high schools and has just expanded to Berwick. Grove supports Younglife with the use of Hacky House, and Grove members generously provide snacks, other needed items, and financial support.

Participants in today’s service include Holden Zakarian (prelude), Natalie Kupas (Worship Leader), Senior Choir (choral beginning), Mike Hamme (children’s story, reflection), Rev. Steve Cureton (Baptism), Eric Deeter (musical offering), Adam Zakarian, Steve Lewis (recessional), Joy Christian (organist). Visiting preacher for next week: Rev. Sally Dries