

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship **World Communion Sunday** (17th Sunday after Pentecost)

10:15 AM
October 1, 2017

-- Ready for the Word --

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude arranged by Eithun

“Faith of Our Fathers”

Invitation to Worship

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: May our worship reflect God’s glory.

Leader: The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

People: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Leader: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation, project the love of God.

People: We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.

Leader: So let us worship together!

Choral Beginning by Getty & Townsend

“Come Young and Old From Ev’ry Land”

*We Sing Together Hymnal No. 417

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

We Confess Together

Gracious God, we too often focus on the differences among us, rather than celebrating what we share in common. Forgive us. Help us to remember we are sisters and brothers to all of humanity, each and all of us created in your image. When we choose conflict, redirect our thoughts and actions to your love and your call to love each other. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: As children of God, we are tenderly loved. God longs to bring us into God’s embrace. By the life and love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and free.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Response Hymnal No. 467

“How Great Thou Art”

Verse 1

-- Receiving the Word --

Children’s Story

Recognition of Fifty Year Members

*Passing of the Peace

*Song of Praise Hymnal No. 446

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Minute for Stewardship – *Missions*

Musical Offering by Patterson

“A Prayer for Humility”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 64) Exodus 17:1-7

New Testament Lesson (page 197) Philippians 2:1-13

Reflection **“United and Free”**

-- Responding to the Word --

Prayer of Dedication – Peacemaking Offering

Offertory arranged by Fischer

“Fantasy on ‘What a Friend We Have In Jesus’”

*Doxology Hymnal No. 592

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...

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer Hymnal Pg. 16

*Song of Commitment Grove Songbook No. 86

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction Argentine Folk Melody

“Song of Hope”

*Postlude arranged by Mansfield

“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 and Pastor of Salem UCC in Coal Township for 22 years. Rev. Dries was 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 and counseled at Kanesatake and Krislund. She graduated from Penn State and Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California.

Participants in today’s service include: Elizabeth Henning (worship leader), Senior Bells (prelude, offertory), Jim Smith (Minute for Stewardship), Senior Choir (choral beginning, musical offering, benediction), Jud Bennett (Children’s Story), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Sally Dries (reflection). Visiting Preacher for next week’s Service: Rev. Douglas Orbaker. Sermon: **“The Tenants in the Vineyard”**