

# Grove Presbyterian Church

## **Service of Worship** **Service of Wholeness and Healing** (18th Sunday after Pentecost)

October 8, 2017  
10:15 AM

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

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

by Wood

### **“Interlude in C”**

Invitation to Worship

*Leader: Our hearts are hard, O God – soften them with your love. Our hands are clenched, O God – open them with your grace. Our feet are planted too firmly, O God – invite us to dance with you. Our lives are not our own, we know – let us live and move and have our being in you, O God.*

\*We Sing Together

Hymnal No. 464

### **“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

We Confess Together

***Holy God, Lord of love:***

***For not singing when we are joyful;***

***For not shouting to the world the good that you do;***

***For not trusting the love that surrounds us;***

***For not enacting the justice you call us to;***

***For not believing the Good News is meant for all:***

***Forgive us. Encourage us and change us, help us and inspire us, that we will magnify you, and rejoice in God our Savior. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: Friends, this Good News is for all the world: Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at peace.*

***People: Alleluia! Amen.***

### **-- Receiving the Word --**

\*Passing of the Peace

Children’s Story

Minutes for Stewardship – Fellowship, Personal Testimony

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 66)

Exodus 20:1-4

New Testament Lesson (page 24)

Matthew 21:33-46

Reflection

**“The Tenants in the Vineyard”**

Musical Offering

arranged by Coates

### **“Amazing Grace”**

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

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

arranged by Hamm

### **“Draw Me Close”**

Choral Prayer

by Carmichael

### **“As We Come to You In Prayer”**

Prayers of the People

Litany for Healing

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Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal Page 16

\*Song of Commitment

Hymnal No. 383

### **“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

\*Blessing

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

\*Choral Benediction

by Williams

### **“God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

\*Postlude

\*Please rise as able

*Grove welcomes Rev. Douglas Orbaker today: Rev. Orbaker is a graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and holds a Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary. He has served churches in Ohio and Pennsylvania, served on the staff of Synod of the Covenant, and for ten years was a PCUSA Mission Co-worker in Nicaragua. He and his wife Penn live in Mifflinburg, with frequent visits to visit his children in Ohio and hers in Texas.*

Participants in today’s service include: Shelley C. Randall (worship leader), Mary Ellen Doll, William S. Gibson (Minutes for Stewardship), Senior Choir (musical offering and prayer, benediction), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Douglas Orbaker (reflection, children’s story). Visiting Preacher for next week’s Service: Rev. Sally Dries, Sermon: **“Rejoice!”**

## Litany for Healing

*Leader: Together we lift our prayers to you, O God of love and healing. God the Father, you breathe life into your whole Creation.*

**People: Help us breathe deeply of your peace and presence.**

*Leader: God the Son, you give us yourself to make our joy complete.*

**People: Help us give our fear, pain, and grief to you.**

*Leader: God the Holy Spirit, you move through our lives in unexpected ways.*

**People: Help us move in concert with your life-giving motion.**

*Leader: Holy Trinity, One God, accept our thanks and praise for all the blessings of this life, especially for those blessings that our circumstances make it hard to see.*

**People: O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader: Shed the light of your healing love on all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find new wholeness illumined by your grace.*

**People: O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader: Knit together in your love all whose relationships have frayed, that they may find reconciliation and new beginnings.*

**People: O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader: Bless all who work to improve the health of others, that they may bring hope, care, wisdom, and skill to all they serve.*

**People: O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader: Hold in the palm of your hand all who are near death and all who care for them, that they may know the peace that passes all understanding.*

**People: O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader: Grant all who turn to you the courage to participate with you in restoring this broken world to wholeness, that everyone and everything may share in the hope of your kingdom.*

**People: O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader: At this time, I invite your silent prayers of thanksgiving or intercession.*

*Leader: For these and for all other petitions that are too deep for words, we pray to you:*

**People: O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader: You are the Lord whose promises never cease.*

**People: You are the Lord whose presence never fails.**

*Leader: Gracious God, you are close to us no matter how far we feel from you: draw us into the very heart of your grace and help us to live into the truth that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**People: Amen.**

## Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Leader: Gracious God, source of all healing, in Jesus Christ you heal the sick and mend the broken. {We bless you for this oil pressed from the fruits of the earth, given to us as a sign of healing and forgiveness and all the fullness of life you give}. By your Spirit come upon all who receive the laying on of hands, that they may receive your healing touch and be made whole, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.*

**People: Amen.**

## Laying On of Hands and Anointing with Oil

*[Those desiring the laying on of hands {and anointing with oil} come forward to the communion table. Each may make her or his request known to the ministers. Elders will come forward at this time]. The anointing oil is a symbol of our faith in God, and in his promises to make us whole.*

This Is a Prayer to be Reckoned With!

Are you hurting? Pray. Do you feel great? Sing.  
Are you sick? Call the church leaders together to pray and anoint you with oil in the name of the Master. Believing-prayer will heal you, and Jesus will put you on your feet. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven – healed inside and out.

James 5:15    *The Message*