

# Grove Presbyterian Church

## Service of Worship

(19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

10:15 AM  
October 15, 2017

### --Ready for the Word--

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

Polish Carol Hymn Tune

### “God Is Calling Through the Whisper”

Invitation to Worship

Leader: *We are called to be the church, to love God and serve others.*

**People:** *We gather as sisters and brothers in Christ, praising God’s faithfulness, embracing each other in God’s love, committed to acting out that love in God’s world.*

Leader: *We worship God in joy, in expectation, and in hope.*

**People:** *We are not alone. Thanks be to God!*

Choral Beginning

Polish Carol Hymn Tune

### “Making Melody to Him”

\*We Sing Together

Hymnal No. 145

### “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!” Verses 1, 4

We Confess Together

*O God who knows our innermost nooks and crannies, you have seen how busy we are in looking successful and attractive, calm and in control. Yet you know also the turmoil inside us. To you we name the places where we hurt, where we have failed, where we are ashamed. To you we name the fears we have about tomorrow: for ourselves, for those we love, for our world. To you we name our doubts and our uneasiness in responding to your call. Come to us with healing power, O God. Fill us with your life-giving Spirit. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: *People of God, rejoice! In Christ there is forgiveness and freedom; in Christ there is empowerment and peace. In Christ all things are made new.*

**People:** *We are God’s forgiven people. Thanks be to God!*

\*Response

Hymnal No. 579

### “Glory Be to the Father”

### -- Receiving the Word --

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Story

Minute for Stewardship – *Property*

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 557)

New Testament Lesson (page 198)

Reflection

Psalms 106:1-6

Philippians 4:1-9

“**Rejoice!**”

### -- Responding to the Word --

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal Pg. 16

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

Minute for Stewardship – *Personal Testimony*

Offertory

by Ovokaitys & Austin

### “I Surrender, Lord”

\*Hymn of Commitment

Grove Songbook No. 20

### “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

\*Blessing

\*Choral Benediction

### “Amen”

\*Musical Postlude

by Bonner

### “Praise, Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”

\*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 Kanestake and counseled at Kanestake and Krislund. She graduated from Penn State and Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California.*

Participants in today’s service include: William C. Godfrey (worship leader), Junior Choir (prelude), Cherub Choir (introit), Lynne Pabst (children’s story), David Sanders, Paul Kettlewell (minutes for stewardship), Senior Choir (offertory, benediction), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Sally Dries (reflection). Visiting preacher for next week – Rev. Ray Brown. Sermon: “**God Above All Else**”