

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

(20th Sunday after Pentecost)

October 22, 2017

10:15AM

--Ready for the Word--

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

Welsh melody arranged by Hann

“Prelude on Hyfrydol”

Invitation to Worship

from Psalm 121: 1-2

Leader: I will sing about your strength;

People: every morning I will sing aloud of your constant love.

Leader: You have been a refuge for me,

People: a shelter in my time of trouble.

Leader: I will thank you, my defender,

People: my refuge is God, the God who loves me.

Unison: Let us worship God, with gratefulness.

Choral Beginning

“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

*We Sing Together

Hymnal No. 464

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

We Confess Together

Gracious Lord: We confess that we have not lived as if we were created in your image. We have not demonstrated compassion for the weak. We have not extended courage to check the excesses of the strong. We have not given freely of ourselves, and we have too often settled for the worship of lesser gods. We have not loved you with our whole heart, as we were created to do. Forgive us; and continue to remind us that we are deeply loved, so much so that our lives cannot help but reflect your kindness, your justice and your care. Forgive us we pray, in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Response (Lord, have mercy on us)



Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: As sure as God understands us, as sure as Christ died on the cross, as sure as the Holy Spirit will be guiding us into future days, we can be certain we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

--Receiving the Word--

*Passing of the Peace

Children’s Story

*Song of Praise

Grove Songbook No. 29

“His Name Is Wonderful”

Minute for Stewardship: *Finance*

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 674)

Isaiah 45: 1-8

New Testament Lesson (page 24)

Matthew 22: 15-22

Reflection

“God above all else”

Musical Offering

by MacKenzie

“Family of Faith”

--Responding to the Word--

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal pg. 16

Offertory

arranged by Halberg

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*Hymn of Commitment

Hymnal No. 525

“Here I Am, Lord”

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction

by Bakker

“A Joyful Benediction Response”

Musical Postlude

*Please rise as able

Today we welcome Rev. Ray Brown, a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary and second career United Church of Christ minister who has served Maryland and Pennsylvania churches. Retired, the Browns have three sons, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and live in Selinsgrove.

Participants in today’s service include: Rev. Ray Brown (Reflection), John Clement (worship leader), Lynne Pabst (children’s story), Frances Moyer and Ollie Wagner (minute for stewardship), Senior Choir (musical offering, choral beginning and benediction), Joy Christian (organist). Visiting preacher for next week – The Rev. Dr. Carrie Stine. Sermon: “*By Grace through Faith*”.