

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

(23rd Sunday after Pentecost)

10:15 AM
November 12, 2017

-- Ready for the Word --

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

arranged by Wilson

“Come Thou Fount”

Invitation to Worship

Pastor: God has told us what is good,

People: *and what does God require of us?*

Pastor: To do justice, and to love kindness,

People: *and to walk humbly with the Lord our God.*

*We Sing Together Grove Songbook Medley

23: “Great Are You, Lord” 47: “I Will Offer You Praise”

56: “Majesty”

We Confess Together

We sometimes find sharing pretty difficult, O Lord, especially when we want to be sure that we get our share. We sometimes fear that what we have to offer isn't enough to do any good, or that we won't have enough to go around. And so we keep silent and don't present what we have. Open us up, Lord, to share from our abundance, and also from our scarcity. Forgive us for not seeing the needs around us, and not responding with your love reflected through us. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: God's grace flows through our lives,

People: *refreshing and making all things new.*

Pastor: Let this grace flow from us as justice and righteousness.

People: *that our forgiven lives and our renewed work may bless our world.*

*Response Tune: Peace Is Flowing Like a River

Grace is flowing like a river, from the mount of Calvary.

Look to Jesus Christ the Giver; He from sin does set us free.

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed

Hymnal Pg. 14

-- Receiving the Word --

Passing of the Peace / Children's Story

*We Sing Together

Grove Songbook No. 86

“They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 537)

Psalm 78:1-8

New Testament Lesson (page 16)

Matthew 14:13-21

Reflection

“The Miracle of Sharing”

Musical Offering

by Smith of Selah

“Lord I Trust You”

-- Responding to the Word --

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

arranged by Loudon

“Blessed Assurance”

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymnal Pg. 16

*Song of Commitment

Hymnal No. 487

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

*Benediction

Pastor: We go forth from here, trusting that our gifts will be used and magnified by God's gifts.

People: *We go forth in confidence of God's blessing on our world.*

Pastor: Go in peace, trusting in the grace, mercy, and peace of God.

People: *Amen.*

*Choral Benediction

“Go My Children, Fed and Nourished”

*Postlude

*Please rise as able

Today we welcome Rev. Doug Orbaker, graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary. He served churches in OH and PA, on the staff of Synod of the Covenant, and for 10 yrs. was a PCUSA Mission Co-worker in Nicaragua. He and his wife Penn live in Mifflinburg, and make frequent visits to his children in OH and hers in TX.

Participants in today's service: Adam Zakarian (worship leader), Rob Cooney (children's story), Rev. Douglas Orbaker (reflection), Eric Deeter and Brian Crane (musical offering), Senior Choir (choral benediction), Scott Lawvere (organist), Visiting Preacher for next week: Rev. Dr. Carrie Stine - Sermon: **“Life's Opportunities”**