

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship
24th Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 AM
November 19, 2017

-- Ready for the Word --

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

by Micheelsen

“Lobe Den Herren”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Invitation to Worship

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

People: *We recognize God as the source of all goodness.*

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God.

People: *Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.*

*We Sing Together

Hymnal No. 554

“Let All Things Now Living”

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we long to be stewards of your abundant grace, to serve each other in love and humility and to serve your world with wisdom and energy. Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love. Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone. Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail. But your abundant grace is strong and eternal, and forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: God redeems. Our hope lives in the one we call Jesus the Christ.

People: *Time and again we go to this hope, ready or not.*

Pastor: For Christ's sake our sins are forgiven.

People: *May the flood of God's love in Christ Jesus be poured out in our lives and cease not at this worship's end.*

All: *To the glory of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

Response

Grove Songbook No. 87

I want to love You, Lord, I want to serve You, Lord.

I want to please You, Lord. This is my prayer. This is my prayer.

-- Receiving the Word --

Passing of the Peace / Children's Story

*We Sing Together

Grove Songbook No. 20

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 547)

Psalm 90

New Testament Lesson (page 28)

Matthew 25:14-30

Reflection

“An Engaging Gratitude”

Musical Offering

arranged by Beck

“We Gather Together”

-- Responding to the Word --

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

arranged by Koerts

“How Great Thou Art”

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymnal Pg. 16

*Song of Commitment

Hymnal No. 552

“Give Thanks, O Christian People”

*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

by Wilbur

“Benediction”

Congregational Meeting: please remain seated

*Please rise as able

*We welcome Rev. Dr. Carrie Stine, who lives in Watsonstown with husband Herb. She is a retired Presbyterian minister in our Presbytery and serves as a hospice chaplain. Herb currently is making a stop-motion animated movie based on their 2nd book, *Florentine and the Good Samaritan*.*

Participants in today's service: Beth Christian (worship leader), Eric Deeter (children's story), Rev. Dr. Carrie Stine (reflection, choral benediction), Senior Choir (musical offering), Joy Christian (organist). Visiting Preacher for next week: Rev. Dr. Carrie Stine- Sermon: **“If Christ is King, What Does that Mean?”**