

# Grove Presbyterian Church

## Service of Worship

(22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

10:15 AM  
November 5, 2017

### -- Ready for the Word --

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude arranged by Wood

#### **“When Morning Gilds the Skies”**

Invitation to Worship

Pastor: Come, cross through the waters of loneliness.

**People: We come, and find the comfort of God's love on the other side.**

Pastor: Come, cross through the waters of fear.

**People: We come, and find safety and calm on the other side.**

Pastor: Come, cross through the waters of doubt.

**People: We come, and find the certainty of Christ's presence on the other side.**

\*We Sing Together Hymnal No. 559

#### **“We Gather Together”**

We Confess Together

*Like the people of Israel, we are sometimes afraid to put our foot into the water, O Lord. We fear the unknown, the challenge, and the new work that may lie beyond. Forgive us our fears, Almighty God; support us in stepping forth in faith so that we can know the unknown, meet the challenges, and do the work of being your people in this time and place. In Christ's name. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: God's faithfulness never falters.

**People: God's love never ends.**

Pastor: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: And in God's love we forgive each other.**

\*Response Grove Songbook No. 61

*Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh how He loves you and me. He gave his life, what more could he give? Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how he loves me; Oh, how he loves you and me.*

### -- Receiving the Word --

Passing of the Peace / Children's Story

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 195)

Joshua 3: 7-17

New Testament Lesson (page 25)

Matthew 23: 1-12

We Sing Together

Grove Songbook No. 58

#### **“Make Me a Servant”**

*sung twice*

Reflection

**“Crossing the Jordan”**

Musical Offering

by Sorenson

#### **“God of Heaven”**

### -- Responding to the Word --

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory arranged by de Silva

#### **“Jerusalem”**

*Based on Land of Rest, an American melody*

\*Doxology Hymnal No. 593

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*All who have or who seek faith in God in the way of Christ are welcome to this table.*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer Hymnal Pg. 16

\*Song of Commitment Hymnal No. 377

#### **“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”**

\*Benediction

Pastor: We go forth from here into a world that can be frightening,

**People: We go forth with the courage of the strength of God's love.**

Pastor: We go forth with the promise of God's love, God's grace,  
God's mercy, and God's peace.

**People: Now and forever. Amen.**

\*Choral Benediction Hymnal No. 539

#### **“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”**

\*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: Rev. Douglas Orbaker (reflection), Holden Zakarian (worship leader), Jud Bennett (Children's Story), Joy Christian (organist), Senior Choir (musical offering, choral benediction), Visiting Preacher for next week: Rev. Douglas Orbaker - Sermon: **“The Miracle of Sharing”**