GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Awakening a Love for Christ in the Heart of Richmond

June 21, 2015  The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  10:55 a.m.

Please fill out the communication card and place it in the offering plate during the offertory.
†Please stand for these parts of the service.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE
Andante in D Major  Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

†CALL TO WORSHIP
Beth Bowman

One: Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by God,
All: we come to worship one holy God.
One: O God, our own God, how wonderful is Your name in all the earth.
All: Your majesty is the music of the starry skies, yet even children of dust can sing your praises.
One: May Your Spirit open us to worship with glad and attentive hearts.
All: May Your joy and favor be known among us.
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
4. Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Father love is reigning o’er us, Brother love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are Thine;
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife.

Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the Joy divine.
Joyful music leads us Sunward In the triumph song of life. Amen.
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON) Bobby Hulme-Lippert

O Lord of mercy, who resists the proud and receives the humble, we ask for honesty to accept responsibility for our errors and to understand the reasons for our failures. We ask for the courage to make our confessions, to seek your forgiveness for our offenses, to make restitutions where possible, and to extend the same forgiveness to others that you extend to us. May we have the grace to submit our lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. For all our sins, O Lord, forgive us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI 579 (Blue Hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

At this time, children 6 years and younger are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to go with one of our leaders to childcare where they will join our paid staff in Room 102. Children can be picked up there after the service.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Beth Bowman

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 45:1-15 Holy Bible, p. 42 OT

S sero, the Holy Spirit from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

- Words from the Nicene Creed

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 1:12-18 Holy Bible, p. 187 NT

SERMON “A Story of Power” Bobby Hulme-Lippert

Et incarnatus est (Mass in C Minor) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, 1756-1791

Et incarnates est (Mass in C Minor) Anne O’Byrne, soprano

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, 1756-1791

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Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine, Et homo factus est. [He was made flesh by the Holy Spirit from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.]

- Words from the Nicene Creed
WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

†HYMN 280 (Blue Hymnal)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1779
Stanza 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790

Virginia Harmony, 1831
Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

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We trust in Jesus Christ,
   fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
   preaching good news to the poor
   and release to the captives,
   teaching by word and deed
   and blessing the children,
   healing the sick
   and binding up the brokenhearted,
   eating with outcasts,
   forgiving sinners,
   and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
   suffering the depths of human pain
   and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
   vindicating his sinless life,
   breaking the power of sin and evil,
   delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND GIFTS

SOLO

*Blessing*  Katie Moran Bart
Anne O’Byrne, soprano

May the road rise up to meet you; may the wind be always at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rains fall soft upon your fields.
Until we meet, my friend, again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.
†Doxology 592 (Blue Hymnal)  
Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†Prayer Of Thanksgiving

We Go Forth To Love And Serve

†Hymn 455, vss. 1-5 (Blue Hymnal; music printed on opposite page)  
All Creatures of Our God and King  
Lasst Uns Erfreuen

†Benediction

†Postlude  
Toccata in Seven  
John Rutter, b. 1945

Please join us in the social room following worship for refreshments and fellowship.

The flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Nancy Roberts Pope by her family.
1. All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven a long, O sing ye! Alleluia!
3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Thou fertile earth, that day by day Unfoldest bless ings on your way, O sing ye! Alleluia!

5. And everyone of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part. O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and cast on God your care! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Hearing Aids and Large-Print Hymnals are available from the ushers.

Each week in 2015, this portion of the bulletin will contain a quote from a sermon given at Grace Covenant sometime during the past 100 years. In hearing the faithful voices of our past, we are spurred toward a faithful future together.

“Edward Heller, father of the hydrogen bomb, says there is a fifty percent chance that there will be no United States by the year 2000. From within there is perhaps the more serious threat of the gradual deterioration of the will and the character of our people to sustain a viable democratic society. How long can democracy endure when a majority of its citizens are too indifferent to vote, when millions are more interested in making demands upon society than in contributing to its improvement, when competing groups limit the horizons of their concern to their self-interests and when moral integrity gives way to rampant permissiveness?...We have no dependable refuge on this earth, no final recourse this side of God, no ultimate hope except in Him.”

- John Newton Thomas, Pastor 1938-1940

As one body of Christ, composed of diverse individuals bound together by the Holy Spirit:

We will join in community across the generational, ethnic, racial, and economic barriers that separate God’s children. We will walk together in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

- from our 2012 Vision Statement

Our worship service is broadcast live from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on WLES 590 AM and 97.7 FM and is streamed live on www.truthnetwork.com (press “Listen Live,” then select “Richmond”).

For podcasts, go to www.grace-covenant.org, click on “Worship,” then the pull-down “Sermons Online” and select the Full Service, Sunday Sermons, or Special Performances you wish to hear. The podcasts are uploaded within an hour of the end-of-broadcast.

For Audio CDs, leave a note to the Radio Room in the Glass Office or call the main church office 359-2463. There is no charge for this service, but any contributions to “The Radio Fund” are greatly appreciated and will help to assure the continuation of this ministry.
WELCOME TO GRACE COVENANT

We are grateful to have you join in worship with us this morning. We are an historic Presbyterian church celebrating our centennial anniversary in 2015. God has been immensely faithful for the past 100 years, and we are eager to step faithfully into the next 100! We continue forward by walking in light of our mission: to train grateful disciples of Jesus Christ who are doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God. May you be blessed through worship and fellowship this morning.

MUSIC NOTES

Irish soprano Anne O’Byrne trained in Ireland and England, before embarking on a career in opera and concert which has taken her around the world. She has worked with many of the leading opera companies in the UK and Ireland, and has recorded for Irish television and radio, the BBC and NPR. Since her move to the United States in 2002, she has sung with Virginia Opera, the Richmond Symphony, many East Coast choral societies, and as a guest soloist at the Richmond Forum appearing with Robert Redford and Condoleezza Rice among others.

Grace Covenant Summer Music Ministry Schedule

| Sunday, June 28 | Dr. Lisa Edwards-Burrs, soprano | Longwood University |
| Sunday, July 5  | Bill Dameron, tenor               | River Road Church, Baptist |
| Sunday, July 12 | Anna Feucht, soprano             | Grace Covenant Chancel Choir |
| Sunday, July 19 | Erin Cook, alto                  | Grace Covenant Chancel Choir |
| Sunday, July 26 | Dan Cook, baritone               | Grace Covenant Chancel Choir |
| Sunday, August 2| Dr. Christine Anderson, violin   | Grace Covenant Chancel Choir |
| Sunday, August 9| Anastasia Jellison, harp         | College of William and Mary |
| Sunday, August 16| Marcey Leonard, flute            | Second Presbyterian Church |
| Sunday, August 23| TBD                               |                             |
| Sunday, August 30| Shawn Welk, oboe                 | Richmond Symphony |

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confessions in Worship This Summer - The Presbyterian Church (USA) has as part of its constitution a Book of Confessions (BOC) which contains historical documents of what we as the church believe. Currently there are eleven confessions in our BOC (and a twelfth will be added this summer). Oftentimes in worship we use one of those confessions—the Apostles’ Creed—to declare together what it is we believe and the foundation on which we stand.

This summer in worship we will take time each week to use different portions of some of the other ten confessions in worship. In particular, we will frequently use the Brief Statement of Faith (1989) as it was crafted to be particularly amenable to worship settings. We hope our use of various confessions this summer helps illumine some of the breadth and depth of what we believe and the promises in which we trust. If any portion of a confession raises a question for you, please do not hesitate to talk with an elder or our Pastor Bobby.
**Food and Faith Summer Series**

The Wednesday Night Summer Cook-Outs are back! Dinner will be put together by the hosts (see below), and it will start at 6:00 p.m. About 6:45 p.m., a conversation around Scripture and that evening’s theme will begin. It’s casual, and a great time to bring the whole family! We simply ask that you consider making a $3-4 donation per person to cover food costs ($12 max for a family). Please RSVP at info@grace-covenant.org or calling the church office at 359-2463 by noon on Wednesday.

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**Deacons’ Fund** - This fund assists members who are in emergency financial need. Please contact Reverend Bobby Hulme-Lippert to make a request. All requests are confidential.

**Church Directories** – If you haven’t received your Church Directory, you may pick up your copy in the social room following the worship service.

**Please Pray for Campers and Camp Staff.** Today begins the summer camping season at Camp Hanover. Please pray for all of the campers and staff who will be touched by God’s grace this summer.

**Parent’s Night Out** - We are happy to offer this blessing up to our families again on Saturday, June 27, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. A charge of $5 per child will help defray the costs of child care, though there is a $10 maximum per family with more than two children. Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 24, to the church at info@grace-covenant.org or 359-2463 with name of child and age.

**The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee wants to hear from YOU!** A primary focus of our new associate pastor will be crafting and supporting the Christian Education of our youngest Christian disciples. To that end, the APNC would like to gather feedback from parents, prospective parents, and other interested members of the congregation as to your vision for the future of our youth at GCPC. Please join us for a discussion in room 303 on June 28 at 10:00 a.m. (Donuts and coffee provided! Childcare available downstairs.) If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to send us an email with your thoughts to apnc@grace-covenant.org.
**Mission and Justice**

**STEP out with Us This Summer!** Grace Covenant is looking forward to spending two days this summer with the kids from Gilpin Court's STEP program. July 21 and 22 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. we will be hosting the STEP children on two excursions. The first, July 21, is a trip to Shalom Farms. The second day, July 22, we will spend the afternoon at Maymont, seeing the sights, playing games, and cooking out. Contact Susan Farrell or Christopher Tweel for more info, and sign up with the church office at info@grace-covenant.org.

**Food Donations Needed!** There is an additional way to give to the incredible ministry happening at the William Byrd House. Pick up a labeled grocery bag and fill it with the listed items. These are items that William Byrd House has identified as needs. Thank you all for the amazing support you continue to show.

**Christian Education and Discipleship**

The nursery crib room and Sunday School are available for children ages 2 and up.

**GCPC Youth** - For the month of June our students will be moving into a deeper study of the Book of Ezra. The King is dethroned! The people are captured! Ezra is bringing two thousand people in tow to rebuild a broken temple and spark a spiritual revival! All this and more, Sunday mornings in the youth class on the 3rd floor.

**VBS Starts Tomorrow!** We will be returning to the time of ancient Nazareth with an awesome curriculum study from Group Publishing. We have had a great response but are still in need of a couple things. For a complete list please visit grace-covenant.org. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Christopher Tweel at christopher@grace-covenant.org. We are looking forward to an awesome VBS together!

**Attention Grace Bible and Forum Sunday School Classes!** Please join in for the combined Sunday School on Sunday, June 28. Christopher Tweel and Reverend Bobby Hulme-Lippert will lead a brief discussion during the last 10-15 minutes of class to talk about plans for fall Sunday School. CE and your Sunday School teachers have been hard at work pulling together ideas, and we want your input as we make the arrangements!
Summer Sunday School - Join us Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Grace Bible Classroom as we explore the history of worship from the early church to the present. Classes will be led by Bobby Hulme-Lippert and Christopher Tweel.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, hear our prayer for...

Caleb Gibson, great-grandson of Jean Appich and grandson of Charlie and Sharon Appich, as he undergoes chemotherapy; Loretta and Peter Albertis; Ann Pais’ daughter-in-law, Jane Pais, with cancer; Susan Farrell’s father, Jim, facing health issues; Elizabeth Russell’s father, Dr. William Russell, Cynthia Holmes’ mother, Constance Lockman; Rosie and George Turner; Dr. Carl and Mrs. Jo McMillin; Steve Cobb and his family; Mark Collins, nephew of Lisa Cardwell, Stuart Chapman, David Russell, and Chris Pais, and all who are serving in our nation’s Armed Forces. Pray for peace in the Middle East.