



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Awakening a Love for Christ in the Heart of Richmond*

July 3, 2016

The Fourteenth 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

*Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice*

Margaret Sandresky, b. 1921

### †CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 139)*

Christopher Tweel

One: We praise you, O God.

**All: You have known us since before we were born.**

One: We love you, O God.

**All: You know us better than we know ourselves.**

One: We worship you, O God.

**All: Your knowledge is more wonderful than we can imagine.**

One: We glorify you, O God.

**All: Your creation is ever-changing and ever-amazing.**

One: We praise you, O God.

**All: Your love is steadfast and never-failing. Thanks be to God!**

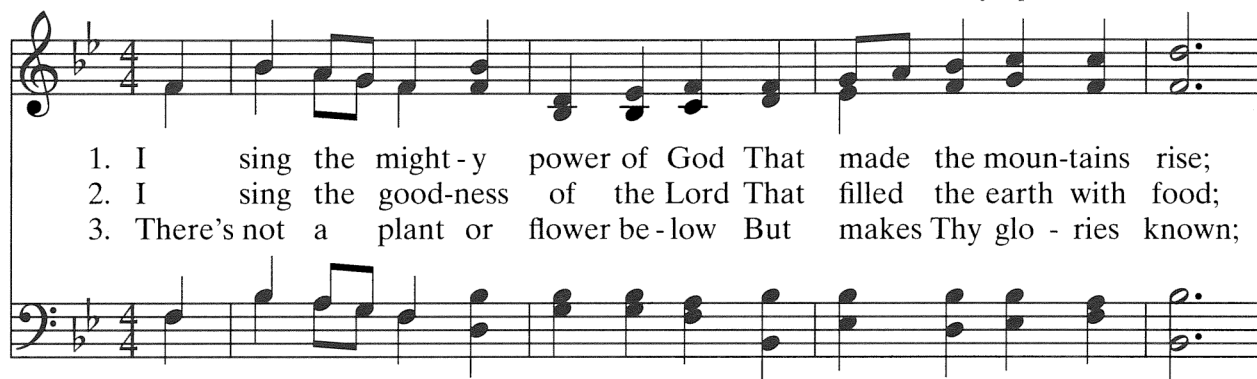
# †HYMN 288 (Blue Hymnal)

## *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

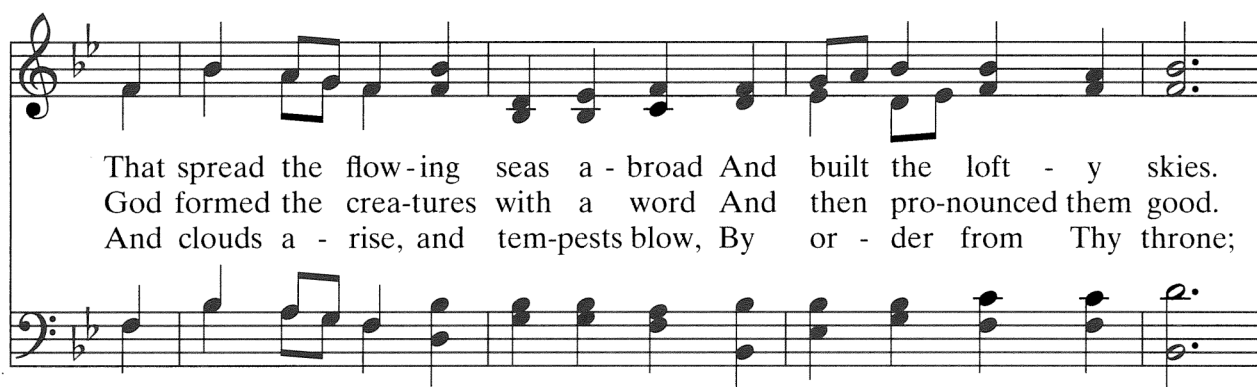
Ellacombe

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

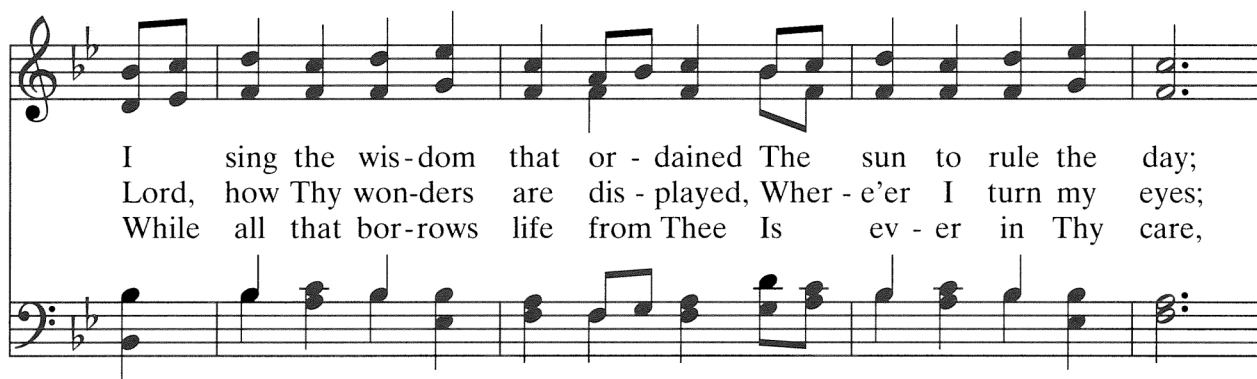
*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen  
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*



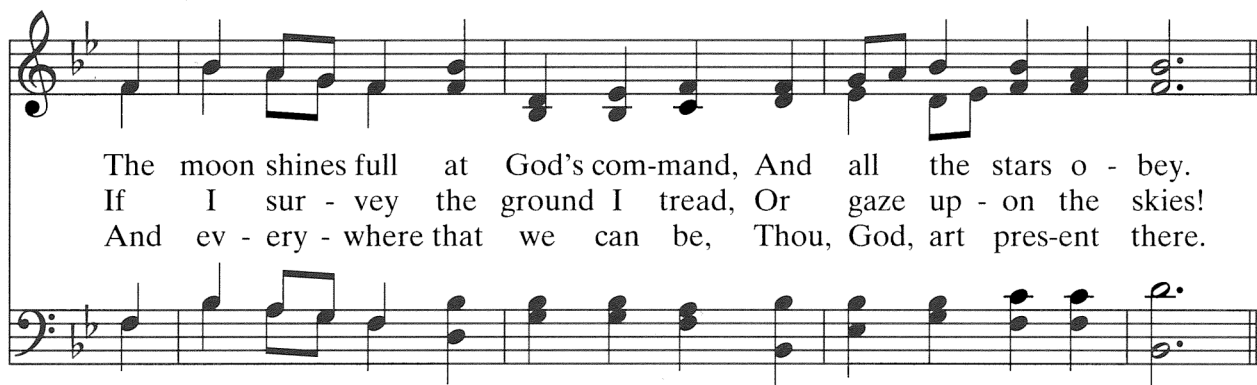
1. I sing the might-y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;  
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;  
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo - ries known;



That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.  
God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.  
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from Thy throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eyes;  
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.  
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the skies!  
And ev - ery - where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

†**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (from Psalm 139:23-24) (IN UNISON)

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

*Take a few moments of silent reflection.*

†**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

†**GLORIA PATRI 579** (Blue Hymnal)

Greatorrex

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.

*Children's Church has wrapped up for the season and will not be meeting this Sunday or through the summer.  
Children's worship will resume on September 11, 2016. Know that there is, however, childcare available  
in room 102 throughout the service for children six and under.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Christopher Tweel

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 139:1-24

*Holy Bible*, p. 566

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SOLO**

*Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth (Elijah)*  
Anthony Warren, tenor

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm.  
Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

*Holy Bible*, p. 1055

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

"It's About a God Who Is Near"

Bobby Hulme-Lippert

# RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

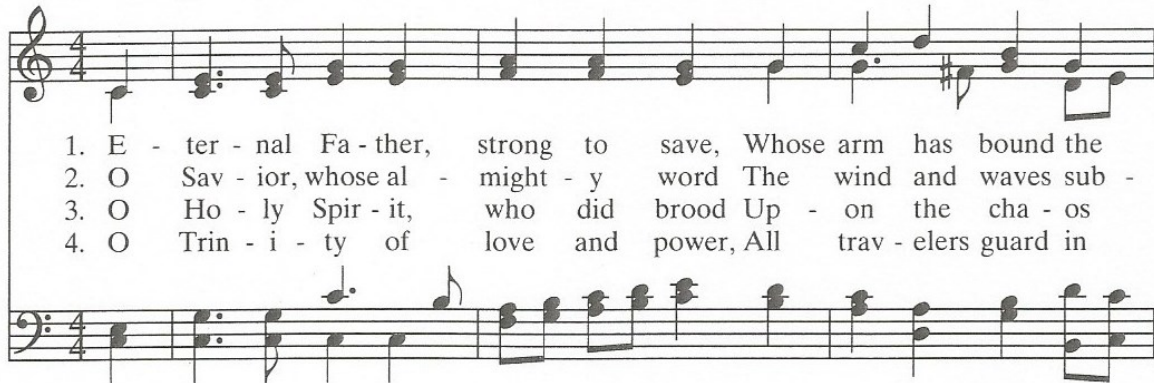
## †HYMN 562 (Blue Hymnal)

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

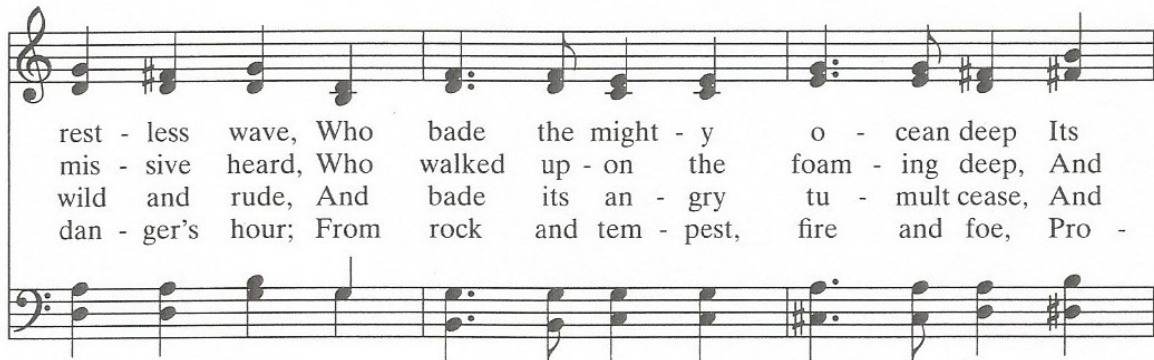
Melita

William Whiting, 1860; alt.

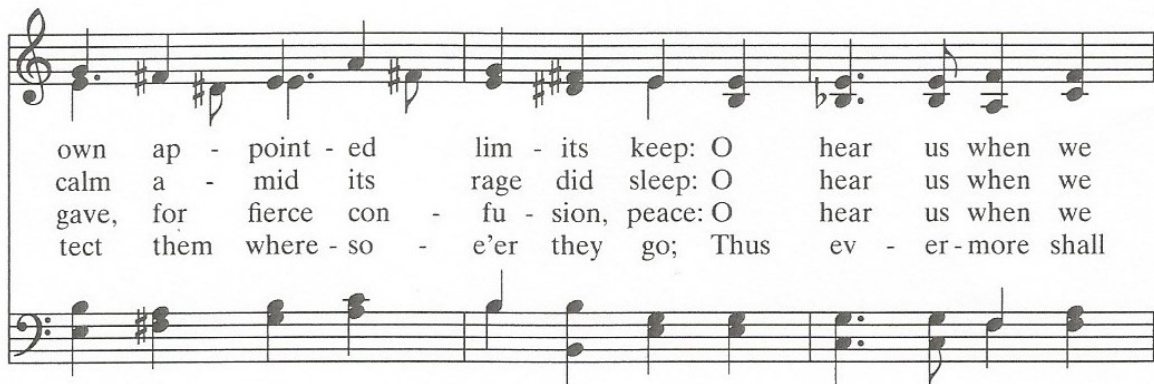
John Bacchus Dykes, 1861



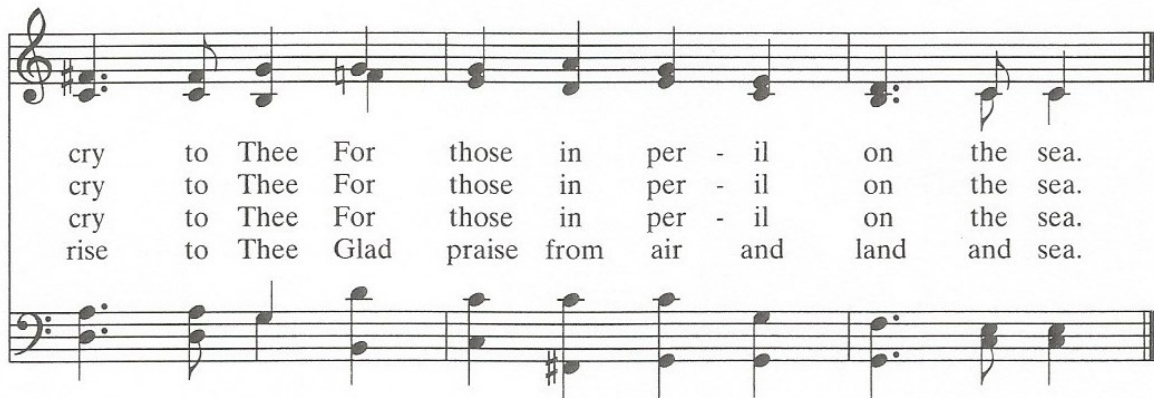
1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the  
2. O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word The wind and waves sub -  
3. O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood Up - on the cha - os  
4. O Trin - i - ty of love and power, All trav - elers guard in



rest - less wave, Who bade the might - y o - cean deep Its  
mis - sive heard, Who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, And  
wild and rude, And bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, And  
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we  
gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

## †APOSTLES' CREED (IN UNISON)

Bobby Hulme-Lippert

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND GIFTS

*On the first Sunday of each month, in addition to your tithe and regular giving, we receive our Mercy Offering.*

*Half of this offering will go to "Five Cents Per Meal" and half to the "Loaves and Fishes" Fund.*

### SOLO

*The Lord's Prayer*  
Anthony Warren, tenor

Albert Hay Malotte, 1895-1964

## †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

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*You are invited to hold the bread or the cup in silent prayer until all are served,  
then partake of the element with the whole congregation when invited by the pastor.  
For those who need it, a gluten-free wafer is available in each communion plate.*

## 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 GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

†HYMN 21 (Red Hymnal; hymn reprinted on opposite page)

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymn to Joy

†BENEDICTION

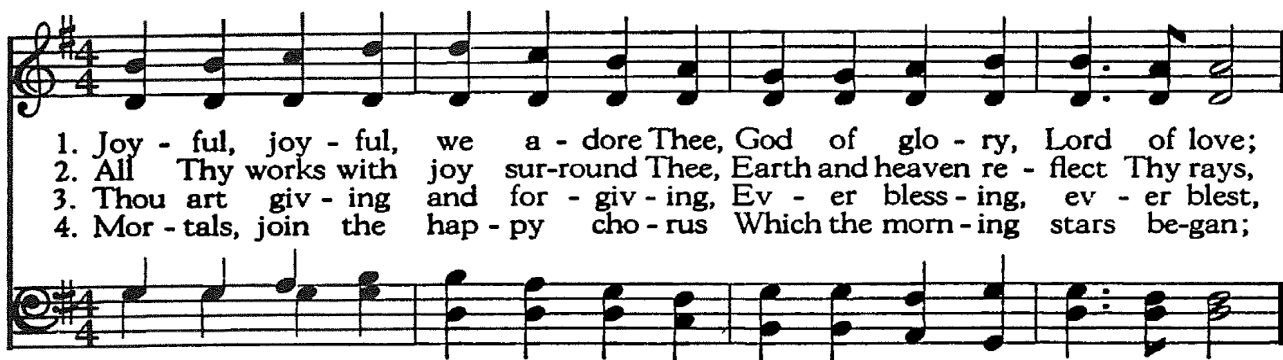
†POSTLUDE

*Marche Militaire*

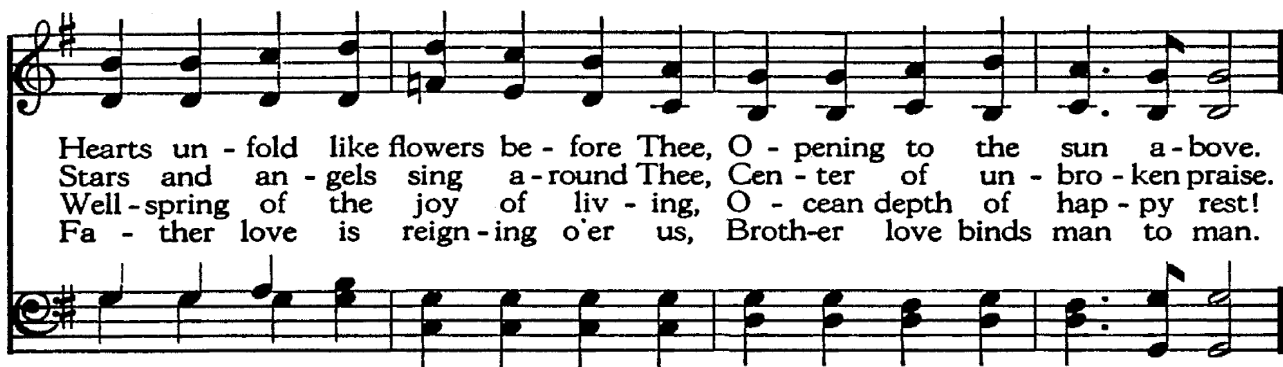
Franz Schubert, 1797-1828

*Please join us in the Social Room following worship for refreshments and fellowship.*

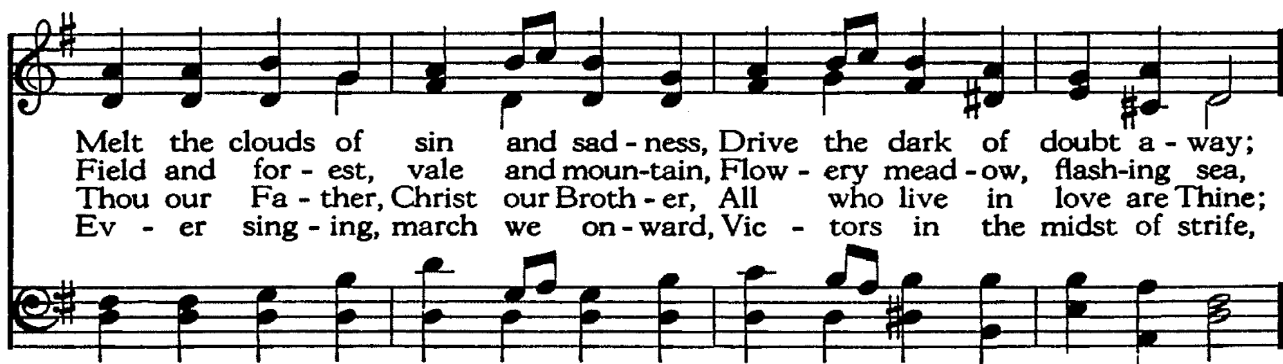
The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory  
of Walter McClanahan by Eleanor McClanahan.



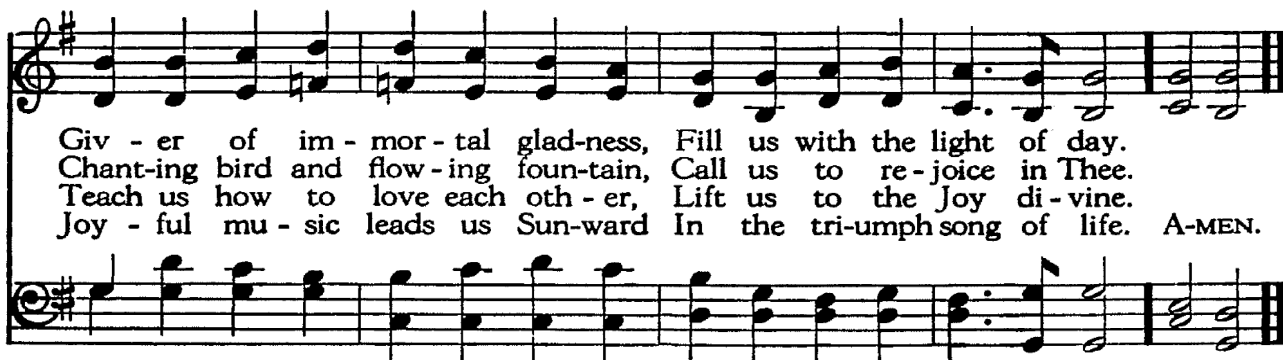
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,  
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
 4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be-gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, O - pening to the sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are Thine;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the Joy di - vine.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us Sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - MEN.

# WORSHIP NOTES

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

We are grateful to have you join in worship with us this morning. We are an historic Presbyterian church, having celebrated our centennial anniversary in 2015. God has been immensely faithful for over 100 years, and we are eager to step faithfully into the future God has for us! We continue forward by walking in light of our mission which was adopted in 2012: to train grateful disciples of Christ, by doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God. May you be blessed through worship and fellowship this morning.

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

We will worship God, join in community, grow in the faith, do justice and love mercy, and share the Gospel. Through these faithful actions, we pray that God will lift up Grace Covenant as a blessing to the city where He has placed it – a bright beacon of His redemptive power, awakening a love for Christ in the heart of Richmond.

– *from our 2012 Vision Statement*

**Children and Families Are Always Welcome at GCPC!** We know all kids can be wiggly and noisy. It's okay! We're glad that you and they are here. Please feel free to sit anywhere: up front where they can see; in the balcony where there is room to move around; or wherever is most convenient for you. Worship Bags and Binders are available in the narthex. Ask an usher or greeter! Children under 6 are welcome at any time for childcare in room 102. Our excellent nursery is in room 103 across from the Social Room.

## Music Notes

Today we welcome **Anthony** Warren, tenor, as this morning's guest soloist. Anthony is the tenor section-leader in Grace Covenant's Chancel Choir. He has been singing with us since February of this year. Anthony has enrolled in the Music Department at Virginia Commonwealth University as a voice major and will begin studies this fall.

### Grace Covenant Summer Music Ministry Schedule

Sunday, July 3	Anthony Warren, tenor	Grace Covenant Chancel Choir
Sunday, July 10	Bill Dameron, tenor	River Road Church, Baptist
Sunday, July 17	Dan Cook, baritone	Grace Covenant Chancel Choir
Sunday, July 24	Audrey Christesen, soprano	Grace Covenant Chancel Choir
Sunday, July 31	Dr. Michael Davison, trumpet	University of Richmond
Sunday, August 7	Dr. Lisa Edwards-Burrs, soprano	St. James's Episcopal Choir
Sunday, August 14	Erin Cook, alto	Grace Covenant Chancel Choir
Sunday, August 21	Handbell Quartet	Grace Covenant Handbell Choir
Sunday, August 28	Shawn Welk, oboe	Richmond Symphony
	Alana Carithers, violin	
Sunday, September 4	Vivien Chen, piano; Chris Martin, organ	Grace Covenant Presbyterian





# WELCOME TO GRACE COVENANT



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## General Announcements

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**Summer Suppers:** Join us for a Wednesday evening meal this summer!

Wednesday, July 27 (6:00 p.m.) at the Tweels' house (7706 Anoka Rd., Richmond, VA 23229).

Meal TBD. *Suggested donation: \$3. Please RSVP to the church office or on your communication card.*

Friday, August 26 (6:00 p.m.) at the Davids' house (6000 McClellan Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Meal TBD. *Suggested donation: \$3.*

If you have any questions, contact Christopher Tweel at [christopher@grace-covenant.org](mailto:christopher@grace-covenant.org) or call the church office at 359-2463.

### **GCPC Summer of 2016 Book Discussion: *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson**

If you are looking for a summer read, Pastor Bobby invites you to join him and read *Gilead*! It is a Pulitzer Prize winning novel written by "Narrative Calvinist" (as *Christianity Today* has called her) Marilynne Robinson. She tells a story spanning three generations, from the Civil War to the 20th century. The story is told from the perspective of an aging preacher who is writing a letter to his seven-year old son in which he renders an account of his life. As Kirkus Reviews put it, the novel is "as big as a nation, as quiet as thought, and moving as prayer. Matchless and towering." Once you read the novel (or even if you don't make it all the way through!), you are invited to join in for a time of light snacks, drinks, and hearty discussion and reflection on the novel. A discussion will take place on July 21 (7:00-9:00 p.m.) at the Bairds' home and July 28 (1:30-3:00 p.m.) at Will Madden's home.

**The Presbytery Vote on Christopher Tweel:** Christopher Tweel will be ordained as a Teaching Elder in the PC(USA) and installed as Associate Pastor at Grace Covenant on Sunday, July 17, at 4 p.m. Christopher has gathered a host of teaching and ruling elders to lead this unique service. Many thanks to those who will be participating in the service!

All are invited to join in this unique worship service of celebration and hope! A reception will follow in the Social Room.

**Security Update (Different Entry System):** We have switched to a new entry system; instead of using key cards for entry, we have moved to a keypad system; with this new arrangement, you will enter a specific code followed by the # key to gain entry. To receive a code, please visit the church office.

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# Mission and Justice

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**Shalom Farms:** Our next outing to Shalom Farms (1033 Rock Castle Rd., Goochland, VA 23063) will be Saturday, July 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Contact Nelson Reveley at [nmr2uf@virginia.edu](mailto:nmr2uf@virginia.edu) if you'd like to join.

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## Christian Education and Discipleship

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

*Sunday School is held every Sunday from 9:45-10:30 a.m.*

Presbyterians hold to certain essential tenants of the Christian faith. While we stand as sisters and brothers with all who believe in and follow Jesus Christ, we do have some distinctions! These distinctive tenants have anchored the way we understand and live out faith in this world. Join us this summer as we take a fresh look at those anchors and the ways that they intersect with our world today and inform how we are to live in these changing times. The class will meet weekly in the Fellowship Hall. Class begins at 9:45 a.m.

**July 3** - Jesus (Bobby)

**July 10** - Salvation by Grace Through Faith (Tom)

**July 17** - Election for Salvation and Service (Tom)

**July 24** - Covenant and Covenant Life (Bobby)

**July 31** - Sacraments (Bobby)

**August 7** - Polity (Charles)

**August 14** - Polity (Charles)

**August 21** – Priesthood of All Believers (Christopher)

**August 28** – Stewardship (Christopher)

### **Back to the Basics: Summer Fitness Challenge!**

We walk, jog, and go to the gym to keep up our physical fitness recognizing that repetition has a way of shaping us over time. And, being in shape ends up proving beneficial not only to our health but to others around us as we find we have more energy and focus when our body is healthy! How about a spiritual challenge this summer? This summer we are inviting you to do a simple exercise each week: **memorize a portion of Scripture**. Each week in worship we will be looking at a passage from Scripture that articulates something essential about the Christian faith. You are then invited to memorize that Scripture during the following week. The hope is that by letting God's word dwell in your heart over and over during the week you begin to see God alive and working in, through, and around your life. Here is the scripture to begin memorizing for next Sunday:

## Matthew 5:3-11

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and  
utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.”

### **Back to the Basics: 50 Scriptures on One Bookmark:**

To assist you in the fitness challenge, we have provided bookmarks that highlight the 12 Scriptures that we will be memorizing this summer. There are 38 other Scriptures listed as well. Together, they make for 50 of the most foundational passages in all of the Bible. Bookmarks will be available in the Narthex and outside of the Social Room the rest of the summer.

**Additional Theological Readings:** As we continue to get "Back To the Basics" in our summer series, here are a few other theological suggestions on authors and theologians who might shed extra light on the subject of reformed theology. Many of these authors are in our library, and a few others will appear on the Resource table over the summer months. Amazon often has second hand books for sale for a few dollars, so don't fear to check one or two out this summer, or keep them in your back pocket for when you have that upcoming long flight or train ride.

Suggestions: John Leith, Otto Weber, Meredith Kline, Shirley Guthrie, William Barclay, Frederick Buechner, Nancy J. Duff, Frederick Nymeyer, and Letty M. Russell.

## Sunday Morning Openers

July 3 - Cal Gray  
July 10 - Kent Cardwell  
July 17- Rick Nochta  
July 24 - Brian Baird

## Fellowship Hour

July 3 - Sudie Wood  
July 10 - James and Cheryl Atchison  
July 17- Brian and Katherine Baird  
July 24 - Walter and RoseMarie Bundy

**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](http://www.truthnetwork.com) (press “Listen Live,” then select “Richmond”).

For podcasts, go to [www.grace-covenant.org](http://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.

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## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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**Lord, hear our prayer for...**

**Jed Wilson**; the family and friends of **John Roberts** as they mourn his passing; **Jack Corley's** daughter, Suzanne Corley; **Marjorie Adams** as she recovers; family and friends of **Margaret Valentine** as they mourn her passing; **Jean Appich** in her recovery; **Rosie Turner**; **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**; **George Turner**; **Dr. Carl and Mrs. Jo McMillin**; **Steve Cobb** and his family; Carol Ann Moorhead-George, daughter of **Logan R. Moorhead**, who is fighting Lyme Disease; **Stuart Chapman**, **David Russell**, and all who are serving in our nation's Armed Forces.

**Lord, we give thanks for...**

Caleb Gibson, who is now in remission.

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