



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Awakening a Love for Christ in the Heart of Richmond

July 31, 2016

The Eighteenth 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

Sonata in D Major

Mike Davison, trumpet

Henry Purcell, 1659-1695

Allegro

Adagio

Allegro

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Christopher Tweel

Leader: In the days of Noah, God placed a rainbow in the sky
as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

**People: In the colors of the rainbow,
we see the sign of God's grace for all creation.**

Leader: In the days of Moses,
the words of God were written on tablets of stone,
as the sign of a covenant between God and all of God's people.

**People: In the tablets of stone,
we see the sign of God's hope
for each to live in peace with God and neighbor.**

Leader: In the days of the prophet,
God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.

**All: As members of the living Body of Christ,
we see the sign of God's promise among us.**

†HYMN 358 (Red Hymnal)

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930

CWM RHONDDA: 8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 7,
John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that
 5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; Bring her bud to
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to
 Thy con - trol; Shame our war - ton, self - ish glad - ness, Rich in things and
 they may be Ar - mored with all, Christ - like gra - ces In the fight to
 we de - plore; Let the search for Thy sal - va - tion Be our glo - ry

glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 set men free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss Thy King - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy King - dom's goal.
 That we fail not man nor Thee! That we fail not man nor Thee!
 Serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore, Serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore. A - MEN.

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Out of the depths I cry to you, Father God.

Lord, hear my voice from the dirt of the pen. Let your ears be attentive to me. Who could stand if we were held truly accountable for our ways? For our greed? For our fear? For our lack of real love? None could stand against you. But there is forgiveness with you, Father, that covers us all like a cloak around our shoulders. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Allow my broken spirit to be a sacrifice to you. For you are my Savior and the mediator of the covenant of Grace. Amen.

Take a few moments of silent reflection.

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GLORIA PATRI 579 (Blue Hymnal)

Greatorex

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

Exodus 20:4-6

Holy Bible, p. 65

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Sarabande (Sonata VIII)

Mike Davison, trumpet

Arcangelo Corelli, 1653-1713

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 15:11-32

Holy Bible, p. 955

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“It’s a Celebration . . . for Everybody”

Bobby Hulme-Lippert

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 171 (Blue Hymnal)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

Henry Williams Baker, 1868

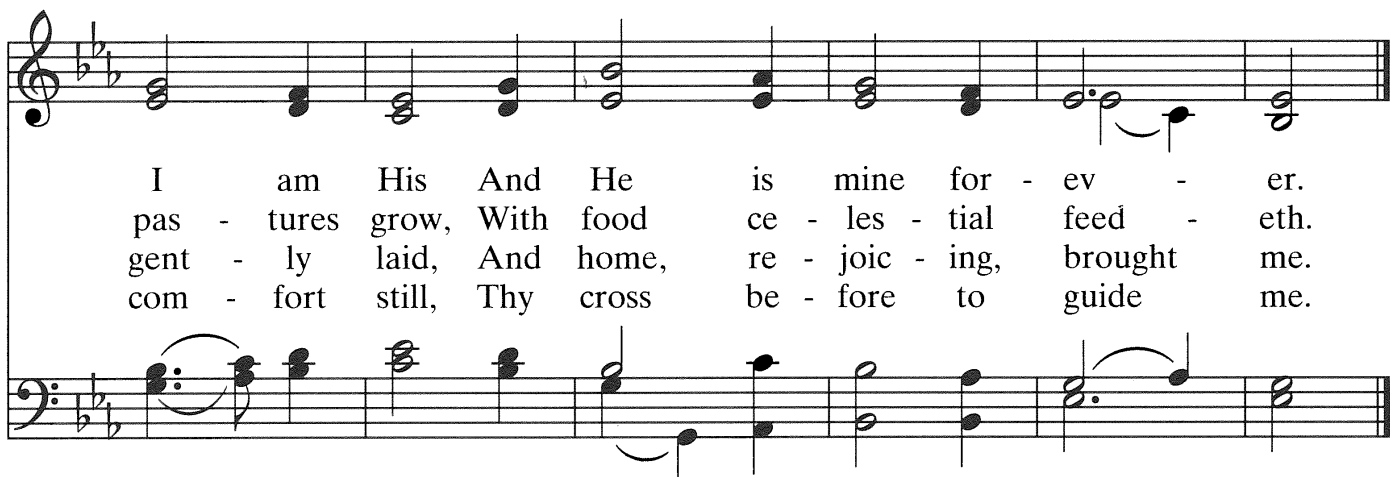
Ancient Irish melody



1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My ran - somed
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant
love He sought me, And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5. Thou spreadest a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

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.

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

VOLUNTARY

Festival Prelude on "Thaxted" for Trumpet and Organ
Mike Davison, trumpet

Gustav Holst, arr. David Pettit

†**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 (hymn reprinted on opposite page)

Lord of All Hopefulness

Slane

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major

Mike Davison, trumpet

David N. Johnson, 1922-1988

There will be a Fifth Sunday Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Please bring \$8.00 to pay at the door for the lunch option you sent in an RSVP for. We will be recognizing a few folks in the congregation who have been doing some faithful work in our midst for a good, long time. We will also be dedicating the Centennial Banner which you may have noticed is now located in the Fellowship Hall.

The flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of my mother, Helen Logan Moorhead,
by Logan Moorhead.



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, e - ver child - like, no cares can de - stroy,
Whose stronghands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953, © Oxford University Press

Tune: SLANE, 10 11 11 12; Gaelic; harm. by Erik Routley, 1917-1982, © 1985, Hope Publishing Co.

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 a 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 **grow in the faith** by training ourselves and our children to be intimately familiar not only with Scripture and our Reformed heritage, but also with their unwavering relevance for our lives and humanity today. We will build up the body of Christ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, so that we may no longer be tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of new teaching.

– *from our 2012 Vision Statement*

Music Notes

Trumpeter **Dr. Michael Davison** is a legendary performer, respected professor, published composer, and ethnomusicologist. Davison is in demand across the country as a classical and jazz performer and educator. As a performer, he has given jazz and classical recitals all over the United States, as well as in parts of France, the Netherlands, Spain, South Africa, China, and Cuba. Widely considered an expert in Cuban music, he performs and teaches Cuban music at the University of Richmond and worldwide. He has been the head of the jazz and trumpet programs at the University of Richmond since 1986.

Grace Covenant Summer Music Ministry Schedule

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

August Musicales begins in a few weeks. All concerts are at 7:00 p.m. and held in the sanctuary.

Wednesday, August 10—An evening featuring well-known Richmond vocalists.

Wednesday, August 17—String ensemble; music of Brahms and Dvořák

Wednesday, August 24—*Sanctuary* (The Compline Choir from St. Stephen's Episcopal, Richmond)



WELCOME TO GRACE COVENANT



General Announcements

Summer Suppers: Join us for an evening meal this summer!

Friday, August 26 (6:00 p.m.) at the Davids' house (6000 McClellan Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Meal TBD. *Suggested donation: \$3. Please RSVP to the church office or on your communication card.*

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

Fifth Sunday Luncheon: Remember there will be a luncheon following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring \$8.00 to pay at the door for the lunch option you sent in an RSVP for.

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation: Calling all past and upcoming Sunday school teachers. Please join us Friday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. for dinner at the Bozes' home for fellowship to thank you for your past and continued support of the Christian Education programs at Grace Covenant. Spouses and guests are welcome. RSVP to Susan Boze by email at boze5@yahoo.com or by calling her at 741-8556. You can also RSVP to Christopher Tweel at christopher@grace-covenant.org or at 359-2463.

Out of Office: Pastor Bobby will be away from August 1-13. He will be at a conference on leadership and congregational vitality in Chicago, IL, for the first four days. This will be followed by a family vacation. Associate Pastor Christopher Tweel will be covering his duties while he is away.

Mission and Justice

Shalom Farms: Join us the third Saturday of the month at Shalom Farms— a local food access and community development ministry (shalomfarms.org). We will help ensure everyone in our city has access to God's bountiful gifts of nutritious produce. We'll be out on the farm from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP to Nelson Reveley at nmr2uf@virginia.edu or by calling 387-8094. The next visit will be August 20. A group will be carpooling from the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and will be returning by noon. Otherwise, you can meet us out on the farm at 9:00 a.m. **Address:** 1033 Rock Castle Rd., Goochland, VA

Public Transportation in Chesterfield: During July, Chesterfield is conducting a survey called Blueprint Chesterfield that asks what the county's priorities should be. If you live or work in Chesterfield, the missions committee invites you to take a moment to fill out the survey and write-in public transportation (especially along Rt. 1/Jefferson Davis Hwy., where so many are wrestling with poverty) as a priority and an important county service. The survey can be ac-

cessed at <http://blueprint.chesterfield.gov>. Help press forward the call to enhance access and mobility to jobs, job training, economic investment, nutritious food, routine health care, and flourishing life. For more info about grassroots efforts for a more interconnected and thriving region, please see www.rvarapidtransit.org or contact Nelson Reveley at reveley@grace-covenant.org.

Prayer and Conversation with the Presbytery of The James (POJ): All members and clergy of the POJ are invited for a time of prayer, conversation, and brainstorming concerning racial reconciliation and the call of the church in our time. The hope is that by coming together we can begin to discern God's Spirit and take next steps together. The event will be held on Wednesday, August 3, at 2:00 p.m. in the Early Center at Union Presbyterian Seminary (3401 Brook Rd.).

Christian Education and Discipleship

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 tenets 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 tenets 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 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 11: 27-30

²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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 books by these authors are in our library, and a few others will appear on the Resource table over the summer months.

Amazon often has secondhand 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 31 - Jake Savage

August 7 - Pete Sizemore

August 14 - Lloyd Bostian

August 21 - Rob Rosebro

Fellowship Hour

July 31 - Lisa and Kent Cardwell

August 7 - Bill and Cheryl Jacobs

August 14 - Jan Kessel

August 21 - Sallie Leys

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.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, hear our prayer for...

The family and friends of **Jed Wilson, Ken Mace, and John Roberts** as they mourn their passing; **Jack Corley's** daughter, Suzanne Corley; family; **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.

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Office Hours: *Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon*

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