



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Awakening a Love for Christ in the Heart of Richmond

August 28, 2016

The Twenty-Second 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

Allegro (Concerto for Violin and Oboe, BWV 1060) Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

Alana Carithers, violin

Shawn Welk, oboe

†CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on portions of Psalm 146)*

Bobby Hulme-Lippert

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises
to my God all my life long.**

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

**All: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who
keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who
gives food to the hungry.**

One: The Lord sets the prisoners free;

All: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

One: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**All: the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord will reign for all generations.
Praise the Lord!**

†HYMN 171 (Blue Hymnal)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

Henry Williams Baker, 1868

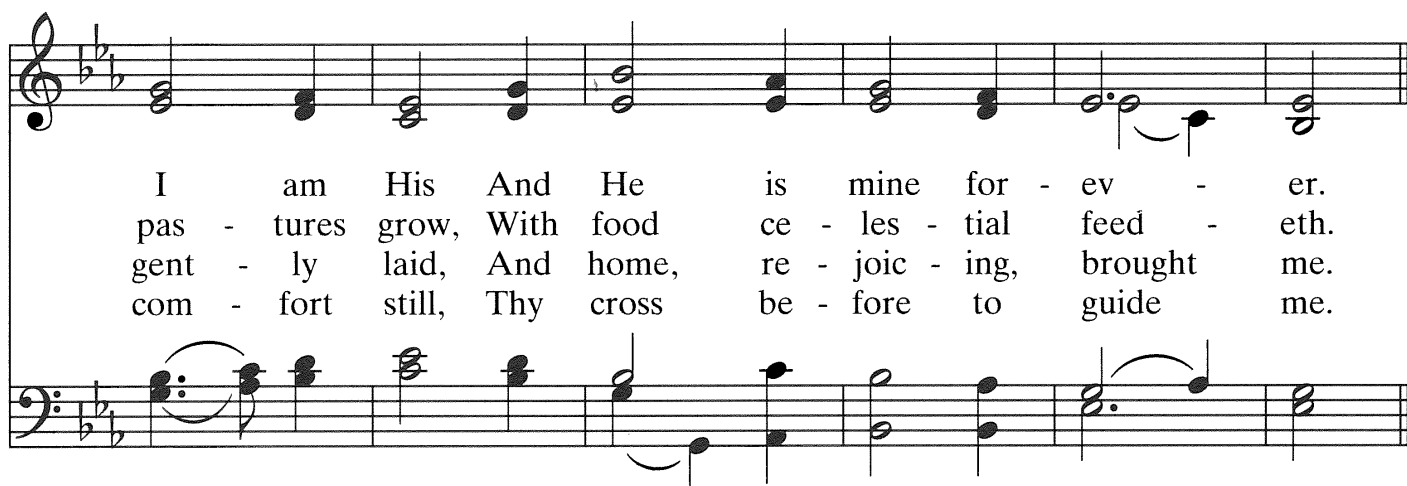
Ancient Irish melody



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.

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Merciful Jesus,
In humility, you were born in a manger that you might draw near and love us.
In humility, you suffered on a cross that you might take our sin and give us life.
In all ways, you walked this earth humbly with God that we might be raised up.
In our arrogant busyness, we have not noticed how near your love is to us.
In our selfish fears, we have not lived in confidence that you have freed us.
In our stubborn pride, we have not raised others up by walking in humbleness.
Help us know again the forgiveness in your merciful love.
Free us afresh to walk humbly with you.
In Christ's name we pray.

Take a few moments of silent reflection.

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GLORIA PATRI 579 (Blue Hymnal)

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*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

Bobby Hulme-Lippert

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:1-8

Holy Bible, p. 850

VOLUNTARY

Adagio (Concerto in C Minor for Violin and Oboe, BWV 1060)
Alana Carithers, violin
Shawn Welk, oboe

Johann Sebastian Bach

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 23:23-24

Holy Bible, p. 903

SERMON

“Walking with God”

Nelson Reveley

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 332 (Blue Hymnal)

Live Into Hope

Truro

1. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, Of sight re -
2. Live in - to hope the blind shall see With in - sight
3. Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, The right to
4. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed From chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
and with clar - i - ty, Re - mov - ing shades of
speak, the right to be, The right to have one's
fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see The year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
pride and fear — A vi - sion of our God brought near.
dai - ly bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.
full re - lease To faith and hope and joy and peace.

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†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.

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

Canzonetta

Alana Carithers, violin; Shawn Welk, oboe

John Carlowitz Ames, 1860-1924

†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 467 (Blue Hymnal; hymn reprinted on next page)

How Great Thou Art

O Store Gud

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob, 1895-1984

Please join us in the Social Room afterward for refreshments and fellowship.

The flowers are given to the glory of God,
and for all our children returning to school,
and all those who continue to learn in the school of life,
by Martha Rubin.



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My



**Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."*

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

TEXT: Stuart K. Hine, 1953; Spanish trans. Arturo W. Hotton Rives, alt.; Korean trans. anon.
MUSIC: Swedish folk melody; adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

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HOW GREAT THOU ART
11.10.11.10 with refrain

Refrain



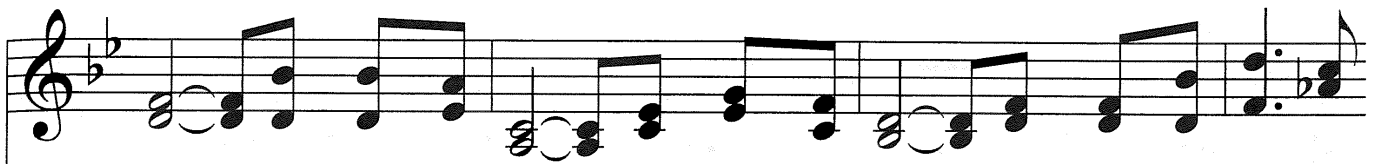
u - ni - verse dis - played:

feel the gen - tle breeze:

take a - way my sin:

God, how great thou art!"

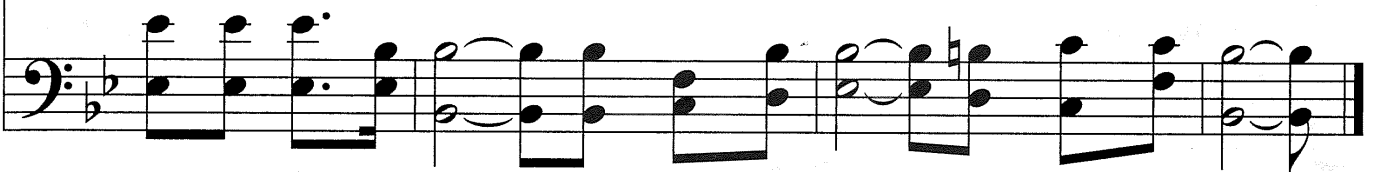
Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!



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 **worship God** in a way that not only proclaims God's glory and identifies His presence in our lives, but also calls us to repent of our sins and kindles due thanks and awe for our creator, sustainer, and redeemer.

- from our 2012 Vision Statement

Music Notes

Born in South Caroline, but considers Colorado her home, **Alana Carithers**, violinist, graduated in 1999 from Northwestern University with a double Master of Music degree in violin performance and pedagogy. She currently serves as violinist with the Richmond Symphony, Oberon Quartet, and Atlantic Chamber Ensemble. Her musical endeavors have brought her recent opportunities as guest soloist, concertmaster, clinician, and teacher in multiple cities in the People's Republic of China.

Originally from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, oboist **Shawn Welk** has lived in Richmond for nearly eight years. He plays assistant principal oboe and principal English horn with the Richmond Symphony, principal oboe with the Williamsburg Symphonia, and is the current artistic director of the Atlantic Chamber Ensemble. Shawn received performance degrees from the University of Oklahoma and the Eastman School of Music, and has taught on the faculties of Virginia Commonwealth University and Catholic University of America.

Grace Covenant Choir Rehearsals Resume in September

Chancel Choir	Wednesday, September 7	7:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	Sunday, September 11	8:30 a.m.
Carol Choir (ages 3-K)	Wednesday, September 14	4:30 p.m.
Junior Choir (grades 1-5)	Wednesday, September 14	5:00 p.m.



WELCOME TO GRACE COVENANT



General Announcements

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.

Discipleship Sunday (September 11): Discipleship Sunday is a great day to celebrate the start of a new program year together. This year, you are invited to join in for a pot-luck breakfast, hosted by the Christian Education Committee. This is a great time to start our year off and a great way to share in food and fun together. Please bring a breakfast dish to serve eight. We plan on starting the meal at 9:30 a.m.

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.

Greeters Needed! We are looking for members who would like to offer a friendly smile and a warm handshake to our members and guests as they enter our doors for worship Sunday mornings. You can volunteer once a quarter, once a month, or as often as you like. If you would be interested in finding out more or want to participate in this important ministry, please contact Phil Coltrain at 305-3489.

Mission and Justice

Shalom Farms: Our next outing to Shalom Farms (1033 Rock Castle Rd., Goochland, VA 23063) will be Saturday, September 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Contact Nelson Reveley at nmr2uf@virginia.edu if you'd like to join.

Richmond Transit Network Plan: Re-visioning the City's Public Transportation: As many know, Richmond City is currently undergoing a process to comprehensively re-vision its bus network so that it will connect seamlessly with the bus rapid transit line (GRTC Pulse coming fall 2017) as well as run more effectively and frequently over all. This overhaul will operate at no additional cost to the City. It is an incredibly unique opportunity -- Isaiah's prophetic revelation of God springs to mind: "Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" -- and we give thanks for it. The second round of public meetings has just finished. Many thanks to all who attended to show support and offer feedback. If you did not have a chance to give feedback, please fill out the brief online survey at www.richmondtransitnetwork.com. The final round of public input meetings should come in December.

CARITAS Begins in October! - It's that time of year again! Grace Covenant will be providing a temporary home to women in need in our community from October 1 through October 8. Once again we are partnering with City Church to provide a welcoming experience to our visiting guests. Most of you know the drill but Susan Farrell (314-1937 or susanbarr311@aol.com) and Matthew Oatts (266-7317 or mmoatts@gmail.com) are heading up this endeavor. Please contact them to discuss how you can get involved. You can also sign up as a volunteer at <http://tinyurl.com/CARITAS2016>. Due to CARITAS there will be no Wednesday Night Supper on Wednesday, October 5.

2016-2017 Grace Scholars Program

This school year you will be seeing a few new faces around. With the generous support of Grace Covenant's Endowment Fund, we are launching a scholarship program called "Grace Scholars." The purpose of Grace Scholars is to train young leaders in light and service of Christ. We will focus in particular on understanding divisions of Richmond's past and present, participating in ministries of outreach and reconciliation, and theologically re-envisioning the common good of our metropolitan area. Scholars will engage in a monthly seminar, join with us in worship, and volunteer regularly with one of the local ministries we support (such as Shalom Farms, CHAT, or STEP). They are also encouraged to join us for any and all aspects of our congregational life together, including Wednesday Night Supper and Sunday School. The Grace Covenant Scholarships are merit-based awards of \$3,500 for Christian students who are full-time undergraduate or graduate students at Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Union University, or Union Presbyterian Seminary. Via application and interview, three recipients are chosen, each receiving \$3,500. Recipients form the Grace Scholars Cohort, with the scholarship affording them time for personal spiritual development and ministry to others that might otherwise have to be spent working to help cover school expenses. This year's Grace Scholars will be welcomed and introduced to the congregation during worship on Sunday, September 11.

STEP Volunteer Opportunities:

Victory Reading Program: Tutors are needed to work with children Pre-K through 3rd Grade. No teaching experience needed, just a heart to see the children prosper! One night per week, Mondays-Thursdays 3:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Jobs for Life: STEP's biblically-based job training program needs volunteers on Monday evenings from 09/12 - 12/5 to serve as the following: champions (mentors) to come alongside students as they embark on their career journey (weekly commitment during course); childcare and meal providers (occasional or regular commitment); and instructors and business leaders to share their expertise (occasional or one-time commitment). Jobs for Life will be meeting at Eternity Church (1900 Chamberlayne Ave.) this fall from 6:00-8:30 p.m. on Monday evenings September 12 - December 5. We are looking into having another Jobs for Life held at Grace Covenant again in the spring. Thank you for your support!

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. *Don't forget that next week on Sunday, September 4, Sunday School will not meet. Join us for coffee and light snacks at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.*

August 28 – Stewardship (Christopher)

PNO Families!

We are so excited to be bringing back the awesome Parents Night Out (PNO) program this year. Again, we've got amazing CDC caregivers dishing out quality care for three hours once a month for all of our kids. Our first PNO is September 10. This year, however, we have altered our price schedule. In an attempt to close the gap between what the program costs and what we charge per child, it's necessary that we settle on the new price of \$10 per child with a \$15 family max. We think this will balance our costs of staffing and what we charge each family. In addition, all RSVPs should be made to the church office by emailing info@grace-covenant.org or by calling 359-2463. Please remember to include the age of your child/children (please include the month) in your RSVP. Thank you all for your amazing understanding in this -- can't wait for our date night on September 10!

Wednesday Night Supper Program Schedule

Save yourself the midweek hassle of cooking dinner and come join us Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. for a time of growth in fellowship and faith! Every night we'll have arts and crafts for the kids, timely announcements, worship preparation cards for the coming Sunday, and either faith-infused live music, a trivia night, or an excellent speaker! \$7 per person, \$5 for seniors (over 65), and \$15 max per family. Our upcoming schedule is below:

September 14, 2016	Wednesday Nights Together - Kickoff Party
September 21, 2016	Congregational Gifts - "Joy of Retirement" - Joy Nevin
September 28, 2016	Congregational Gifts - "Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?" Dr. Tom Miller, speaker
October 5, 2016	No WNS- CARITAS
October 12, 2016	Congregational Gifts - "It's Gonna Hurt" - Benefit of Play and Risk for Children - Jim McCullough
October 19, 2016	Camp Hanover Presentation - Doug Walters
October 26, 2016	Preschool Picasso's Art Show and Intergenerational Art Program - Meredith Bond
November 2, 2016	Kirktet Jazz Ensemble
November 9, 2016	Improv. in the Spirit
November 16, 2016	Carol Choir Sings and Charlie Ross Magic Show
November 23, 2016	Thanksgiving Meal and Worship
November 30, 2016	Ugandan Mission Trip Report - Martha Rubin
December 7, 2016	Holly Follies
December 14, 2016	A Preschool Noel
December 21, 2016	No WNS
December 28, 2016	No WNS

Sunday Morning Openers

August 28 - Rick Nochta

September 4 - Brian Baird

September 11 - Kent Cardwell

September 18 - Cal Gray

Fellowship Hour

August 28 - Pete and Suzanne Sizemore

September 4 - Katie and Jim McCullough

September 11 - Doris Farquhar

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 of **Ainura and Steve Satterfield** in the passing of Ainura’s father; the family and friends of **Jed Wilson, Ken Mace, and John Roberts** as they mourn their passing; **Jack Corley’s** daughter, Suzanne Corley; **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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