

*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

As we gather at your table, O God, may we also be more aware of the opportunity that is ours to share with others the many blessings you have given us. May this be a time of joy as we give of our resources. Grant us wisdom to use these gifts in the fulfillment of your mission in the world, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer, including pastoral concerns and prayers for the people

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

(Bread is taken when served to signify our individual response to Christ's invitation. The cup is held and all partake together upon the invitation of the pastor to signify our unity in the family of Christ. Gluten free bread is in small cups on each tray.)

Communion Voluntary arr. Charles Callahan
"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Prayer After the Meal (Unison)

Eternal Presence, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn #623 *Peace Like a River*
"I've Got Peace Like a River"

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction (Responsive)

As we go out from your table, O God, may we also be more aware of the opportunity that is ours to share with others the many blessings you have given us.

May this be a time of joy as we give to your world of our resources.

Grant us wisdom to use these gifts in the fulfillment of your mission in the world, through Christ our Lord.

Let us go out in peace to love and serve everyone we meet this week. Amen

*Closing Choral Response

Thomas Tallis

"Go Forth to Serve"
Sanctuary Choir

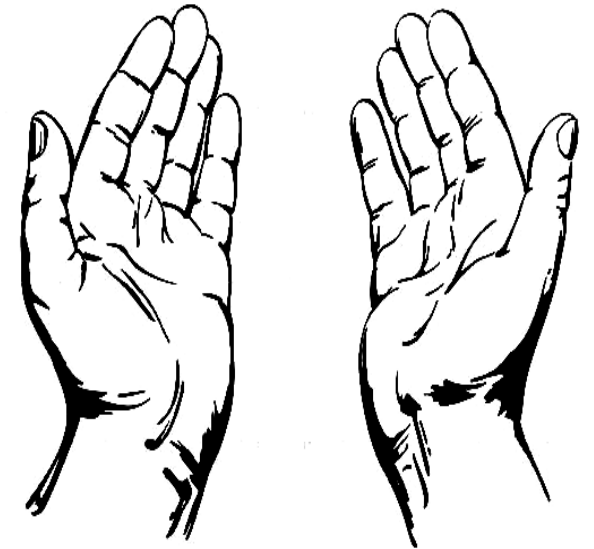
**Go forth to serve the Lord of Life.
Go forth to do His holy will.
His name sing out along your way,
who was, and is forevermore. Amen.**

*Closing Voluntary

"Allegro"

John Stanley

"Stretch out your hand."
He stretched it out, and
his hand was restored.



Mark 3:5 NRSV

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

June 3, 2018

10:40 A.M.

Communion

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.*

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. *(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those who worship near you.)*

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary *St. Denio*
“Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”
arr. Kevin McChesney

“God of Amazing Grace” *CWM Rhondda*
Sanctuary Handbells *New Britain*
arr. Cathy Moglebust

Chimes The Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love.

We see neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers – a community of kindred hearts.

People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know.

We see strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.

People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here.

In each of us, God’s spirit shines for all to see, great treasure in earthen vessels.

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

We are here, Lord. We come to be with your people, to join them in your praise, and to learn to live with them and with your world in peace. Give us your blessing, we pray, that as we seek to know your will for us, we may live lives worthy to be called Christian. Through your son Jesus, the Christ who taught us to pray, 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, forever. Amen.

*Hymn 463 *Foundation*
“How Firm a Foundation”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God, we thank you for your eternal presence in our midst and for the good news of your deep abiding love for all of creation. Even as we give thanks, we lift up the concerns that burden us this day. We know that we have failed to live according to your will and way. Forgive us, we pray. We ask your peace and blessing on all those whose names and circumstances remain in the safe sanctuary of your Spirit’s care. Amen.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn #22 (v 6) *Roeder*
“God of the Sparrow”

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

May the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and the listening skills be informed by your Word, our Sustainer and Redeemer. Amen.

Music Ministry

J. Jerome Williams

“No Hands but Yours”
Sanctuary Choir

***Christ has no body now on earth but yours:
No hands but yours; no feet but yours:
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.***

**Yours are the eyes through which to look out
Christ’s compassion to the world.
Yours are the feet on which He is to go about doing good.
And yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now.**

Old Testament Reading Pew Bible
Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Page 162

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Text Pew Bible
Mark 2:23-3:6 Page 36

A reading from the Gospel of Mark
All praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Edith Gause
SABBATH KEEPING?

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 503 *O Quanta Qualia*
“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

Call to Stewardship
All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

Offertory Trad. Spiritual
Sanctuary Handbells arr. Bill Ingram
“Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door”

*Doxology Hymn 606 *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.**