

\*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

**God of our ancestors, whose laws are timeless and whose ways empower the church, we bring to you the results of our labors. We would recognize all our moments and days as precious gifts from you. We dedicate ourselves anew to the fulfilling of your will through all you entrust to us, not just through the portion we here return. Bless all that the church seeks to accomplish in Christ's name. Amen**

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Please see insert*

Communion Voluntary arr. Lucy Ann Warriner  
"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Prayer After the Meal (Unison)

**We give thanks, God of our hearts, for sharing this meal with you and each other. May we go forth to serve in your name. Amen.**

**Bearing and Following the Word into the World**

\*Hymn 761 *Beecher*  
"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

\*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Charge and Benediction (Responsive)

Let us go into the world with God's gifts.

**We will perform God's works of mercy and life.**

Let us go into the world with the Bread of heaven in our hands.

**We will share Christ's grace which gives life to everyone.**

Let us go as the one body of faith and fellowship.

**We will to witness to the one Spirit of hope and faith.**

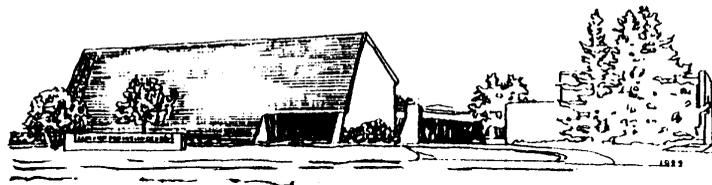
\*Closing Congregational Response 748 *Tallis' Canon*

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true  
our lives may be a gift to you.**

\*Closing Voluntary

"Trumpet Tune"

Tommaso Albinoni



Today's service has been adapted from [lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com](http://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com) and  
from <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

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*Ephesians 4:1*

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP**

August 5, 2018

10:40 A.M.

Communion

*\*The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.  
Additional worshippers 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 worship near you.)**

**Gathering Around the Word**

Opening Voluntary arr. Anna Laura Page  
"O God Beyond All Praising"

Chimes The Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

The living Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

**Creator of all worlds, we lift up our souls to you. All the earth is yours, all who dwell here are your**

**children. We seek once more to experience your truth, to receive your blessing, to ascend above the limitations we have known. You are strong and mighty beyond our imagining. We aspire to become more than we have believed ourselves to be, individually and together. Help us, we pray, to follow where you guide, today, tomorrow, and into the future. In Christ, Amen.**

\*Hymn 309 *Abbot's Leigh*  
"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of love and mercy, you have called us and all your children into one family through the resurrection of your Son Jesus. By his gracious presence, we look with new eyes at the whole human family in its brokenness and pain. We seek your strength and determination to embrace them, love them, heal them, and share with them your great good news of hope and new life.**

**Hear us as we lift to you our deepest needs, our pressing burdens, our fears and hopes. Be near us, we pray, as your people. Help us to receive your many gifts with gratitude and faithful stewardship. Forgive our sins and grant us new life in you. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response Hymn 366 *Hyfrydol*  
**Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
change from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

**Proclaiming the Word**

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

**May we hear the words of Scripture read with open ears that your Spirit may enter our hearts. Be with us as we listen and as we learn. In Jesus name, Amen.**

Music Ministry Rusty Crownover & Deb Kaiser  
Hymn 175 *Lafferty*  
"Seek Ye First"

Scripture Reading Pew Bible  
Ephesians 4:1-16 Page 193

A reading from the book of Ephesians  
**Thanks be to God.**

Kids' Time Pastor Edie

Sermon Text Pew Bible  
II Samuel 12:13-25 Page 285

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Edith Gause  
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**Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn 515 *Dove Of Peace*  
"I Come with Joy"

Report from the Pastor Nominating Committee

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

Offertory Theodore Beck  
"Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"

\*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.**