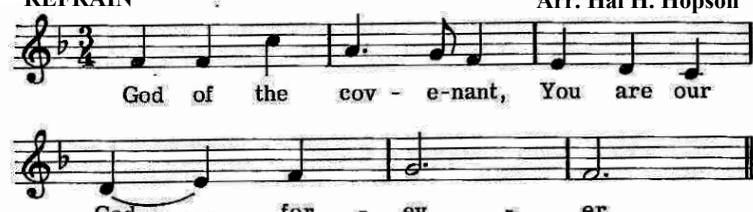


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Sermon The Rev. Edie A. Gause  
*AND THE BEAT GOES ON*

**Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn 174 *Madeleine*  
"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"  
*Choir sings first verse, congregation joins on remaining verses*

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)  
**This is the good news which we have received and by which we are saved; that Jesus died for us according to the Scriptures and that he rose the third day. He appeared to the women, then to Peter and the rest of the twelve. We believe he is the Christ the son of the living God. He is the first and the last. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord's Prayer Choral Amen  
**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.**

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

Offertory Charles Gounod  
"O Loving Savior"

\*Congregational Response Hymn 606 *Old Hundredth*  
**Doxology**  
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.

\*Offertory Prayer (Unison)  
**By your grace, Holy God, our gifts become the bread which feeds the hungry, become the water which drought ravaged lands need, become a community for the lonely, become medical missions for those battling disease and worries. By your grace, Holy God, may we offer more and more as you feed us with the Bread of life. Amen.**

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

\*Hymn 361 *Aurelia*  
"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

\*Invitation to Discipleship

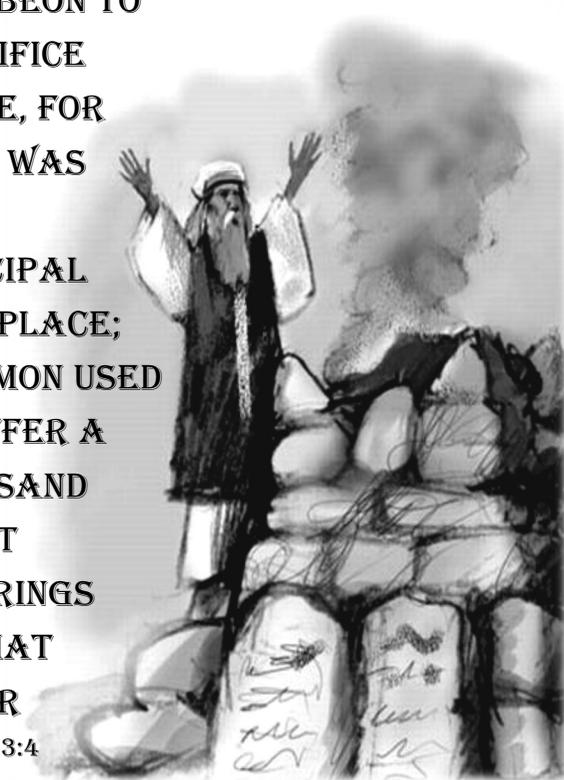
\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Choral Response M.P. Parish  
**As we go from God's house today,  
let us go out to love and serve one another,  
through the grace of Christ, our Lord.**  
Alleluia!

\*Closing Voluntary Anna Laura Page  
"Prelude on *Azmon*"

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*Today's liturgy has been adapted from <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>*

**THE KING WENT  
TO GIBEON TO  
SACRIFICE  
THERE, FOR  
THAT WAS  
THE  
PRINCIPAL  
HIGH PLACE;  
SOLOMON USED  
TO OFFER A  
THOUSAND  
BURNT  
OFFERINGS  
ON THAT  
ALTER**  
1 KINGS 3:4



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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP**

August 19, 2018

10:40 A.M.

*\*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 worshipping in their pew.)**

**Gathering Around the Word**

Opening Voluntary arr. Wilbur Held  
"Prelude on *Beach Spring*"

Chimes The Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

For cool mornings and rumbling afternoon storms,  
for amazing days and even more ordinary  
evenings, for deep friendships and shallow wading  
pools:

**we give thanks to God!**

For the laughing God who tickles us with joy,  
for the broken-hearted Love who joins in our  
struggles:

**we give thanks to God at all times!**

For the Bread of heaven who feeds us hope,  
for the Spirit of grace who teaches us to dance:  
**we give thanks to God at all times and for  
everything!**

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

**We long to worship in high-vaulted cathedrals,  
our songs and prayers echoing the deep sighs of the**

**saints cradled in the stone. Yet you, unpredictable  
Creator, you compose a canticle with the gentle drops of  
rain on a tin-roofed shelter.**

**We long to worship with drums pounding and the amps  
turned up so high our hearts tremble. And you, fanciful  
Spirit, you would draw us into that still, silent, sacred  
space called peace.**

**We long to worship you, God in Community, Holy in  
One. Help us focus on you, not on our desires. Amen.**

\*Hymn 69 *Here I Am*  
"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**We try to be so careful, Faithful God, yet we  
make so many mistakes. We think we are so wise, yet do  
not understand the simple wonder of a child. We spend  
so little time in your presence, and ask why we do not  
know your dreams for us. We long to be good, upright  
people, but find our hearts tripping over the temptations  
of the world.**

**Have mercy, Covenant Keeper, and be gracious  
to us. As you continue to teach us of your hopes, your  
dreams, your love for us, may we practice what we learn,  
as we follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in faith.  
Amen.**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive)

Out of our lives laced with foolish mistakes and  
unwise choices, God is able to weave a tapestry of grace,  
forgiveness, and healing.

**God has sent redemption for all, God has fed us  
with the healing bread of life. At all times, and for every  
grace, we give thanks to God in the name of our Lord  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Congregational Response Hymn 224 (v.4) *Rockingham*  
**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

**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 Austin C. Lovelace

**"The Living Word"  
Sanctuary Choir  
Come with singing; come with laughter;  
Come with joy before the Lord.  
For the Word of God is living!  
Sharper than a two-edged sword.  
Quick and powerful the Word is,  
Every Word of God is pure.  
Full of grace and truth and wisdom;  
Evermore it shall endure.**

**Sweeter than the taste of honey  
is the message that He gives.  
God is speaking to His people,  
telling us He lives! He lives!**

**Now my heart His Word is reaching.  
With my heart I hear His voice.  
Life He brings, Oh soul, receive Him.  
Sound His praise. Rejoice! Rejoice!**

Scripture Reading Pew Bible  
Ephesians 5:15-20 Page 194

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

Children's Time Pastor Edie