Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

Asheville, North Carolina

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Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude Prelude on Lobe den Herren J. Wayne Kerr

Call to Worship

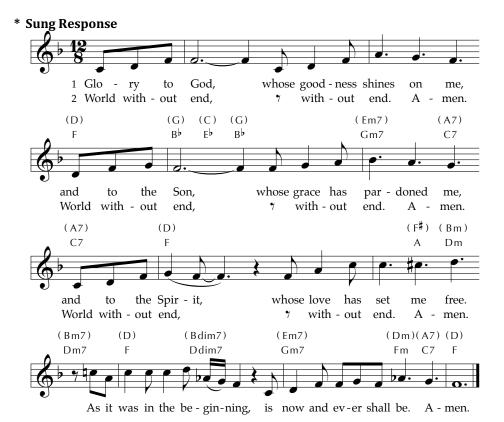
* **Hymn 305** Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! DARWALL'S 148TH

- * Call to Reconciliation
- * Prayer of Confession

Merciful God.

We confess that telling the truth about ourselves can be a struggle for us. We have a habit of getting defensive. It's easier for us to blame others or to shame ourselves. We are afraid of what others will think. We secretly feel our truth is too much to trust anyone with in a world that can be as cruel as ours. Give us the courage to trust you and our community with hard truths so that we can heal together. Amen.

* Assurance of God's Grace and Love



* Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Faith Sharing

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Sermon

"Feeling Our Faith"

Marcia Mount Shoop

Affirmation of Faith

This gathered community, this church without walls, is an embodied affirmation of faith. We are together today because we believe in the power of Divine Love to transform the world. We are together today because the suffering and sorrow that we carry is too much to bear alone. We are together today because God calls us to seek after better ways of being human together. In our hopes and in our struggles we are practicing how to trust God's liberating love. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Anthem A Jubilant Song

Allen Pote

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

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, forever. Amen.

* Hymn 740

Lead Me. Guide Me

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on Lobe den Herren

I. Wayne Kerr

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me © 2008 Paul M. Vasile, Used by permission.

Please remain seated during the Postlude.

* Please Stand in Body or Spirit.

We gather to worship God who is larger than all our imaginations! We encourage all persons to sing the nouns and pronouns they prefer in referring to God.

> **Liturgists:** Amy Palmer, Wisdom in the Woods **Head Usher:** Cathy Froehlich

Deacon of the Week: Skip Stansell | email: skipstansell1@gmail.com

Thank you to Marcy Dean Onieal and Jimmy Lamm for the flowers that decorate the sanctuary this morning, given to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of Marty Dean's 92nd birthday!

Large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Join us for Summer Fellowship immediately following worship in the courtyard. This week is hosted by members of the Worship Council.

Welcome Visitors!

Please take a moment to fill out the visitor card found in your pew to let us know more about you and place it in the offering boxes right outside the sanctuary.

> **Childcare** is available for children, birth to 4 years of age. Check-in is by the Welcome Desk in the narthex.



For more info on announcements



To give to GCPC

SESSION

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WELCOME STATEMENT

Trusting that God's grace embraces and desires covenant with all people, Grace Covenant seeks to be an inclusive and hospitable place of spiritual growth. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, ethnic, racial, or gender identity, economic position, residency status, or political affiliation. We trust that God is always at work transforming each life and our life together, helping us to better follow Christ's example of love and courageous welcome.

STAFF

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