



# GRACE COVENANT

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Service of Worship, Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020, 10am

## Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (*unison*)

If the human body, body of blood and muscle, is to live, it needs salt.  
If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice, is to live, it needs us!  
If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish, it needs the sun's light.  
If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish, it needs the Spirit's light!  
Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.  
Our faith, our love, our hope — essential as salt and light.  
But if salt isn't salty? It isn't what it's meant to be.  
And if a light doesn't shine? It isn't what it's meant to be.  
Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.  
Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

#### SINGING

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"  
"Follow the Light"

Kendrick  
Byrd/Hart/Heffinger

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.**

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone. **And also with you and all others!**

#### SINGING

"Here I Am to Worship"

Hughes

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**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.**

## Equipping People to Develop and Share a Faith That Works in Real Life

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:13–20

(New Testament, page 4)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

“We Are”  
Praise Team

Butler/Cash

SERMON

“Bringing Out the Best”

Rev. Sue Trigger

You can watch this beautiful video segment of Leo Tolstoy’s story,

“Where Love Is, There God is Also” at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=pifDZ1hu6gY&t=11s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pifDZ1hu6gY&t=11s)

## Sending People to Serve in the World

ONLINE OFFERING (You may submit your offering through our online giving portal at [www.gcpc.org/give](http://www.gcpc.org/give))

SINGING

“Shout to the Lord”

Zschech

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