



The Good Samaritan, Van Gogh 1890

October 13, 2024
Covenant Presbyterian Church
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

October 13, 2024

11:00am Worship

21st Sunday After Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

African American Spiritual

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

People of God, what is our purpose?

To love the Lord with all our heart and soul, strength and might.

People of God, what are we here to do?

To love our neighbors as ourselves.

People of God, who are we called to be?

Neighbors to one another, and to all within our reach.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 756

"O God of Every Nation"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Gracious God, Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that Love is hard for us. We are often selfish or too pessimistic, too hollow or too hardened, or just too tired to give ourselves to Love's demands. Forgive our arrogance and our listlessness. Cleanse our hearts that we might find the strength to do what Love requires and the grace to receive what Love has to give. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose love has no boundaries. *(Silent prayers of confession)*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 586

“Alleluia”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

ALLELUIA 7

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1: 3-14

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10: 25-37

PROCLAMATION

Won't I Be Your Neighbor?

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 2226

“Bind Us Together”

Bob Gillman

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God creates and calls us; Jesus reconciles and redeems us;
the Spirit energizes and empowers us for worship, love, and service.
In response to God's love and forgiveness, we pledge
to inspire each other to prayer, study, and stewardship;
to cultivate an open, caring church where diverse gifts are discovered,
respected, and employed;
to minister faithfully to the poor, lonely, sick, and those in need;
to reach out, sharing our faith, inviting and welcoming others into our
fellowship; and to seek justice and healing in the church, community, and
world. Amen.**

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.**

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 765 "May the God of Hope Go With Us" ARGENTINA
**May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and
joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light
and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing,
share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear
Christ's call.**

*POSTLUDE

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* denotes standing as able.

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