



November 10, 2024
Covenant Presbyterian Church
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James Tissot (Nantes, France, 1836–1902, Chenecey-Buillon, France). *The Paralytic Let Down through the Roof* (*Le paralytique descendu du toit*), 1886–1896.

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

25th Sunday after Pentecost
GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *I Will Arise/O God, Our Help in Ages Past* arrs., Center & Caraway

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder* arr., Joe Cox

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*) *Adapted from Psalm 146*

Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord, maker of heaven and earth--

for God keeps faith forever!

The Lord executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the hungry.

God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

God watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.

Sing praise to the One who is your help—

for God keeps faith forever!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Everlasting God, we know all too well how easy it is to forget your presence and power in our lives. Surrounded by cries of fear, anger, violence, and hate, we get lost in the maelstrom and so have trouble hearing your whispers of hope and grace. Forgive us for our indecision, inaction, and failures of courage. Lift us to our feet that we may walk with you; fill us with your strength that we may serve your people; touch us with your healing that we may proclaim to everyone the Good News that has come in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Silent prayers of confession)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

The Good News of our faith is this:

God never fails, God is always with us,

God heals us with mercy, God strengthens us for service.

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thank be to God! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 591 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" HALLE, HALLE

Refrain: **Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Psalm 17 *(see insert)*

music by Jane Marshall

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 12: 12-26

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5: 17-26

PROCLAMATION

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 756

"O God of Every Nation"

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RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from The Barmen Declaration

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation ... As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, in the same way and with the same seriousness he is also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

arr., Lynn Maynard

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 769

"For Everyone Born"

FOR EVERYONE BORN

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 295

"Go to the World"

SINE NOMINE

(verse 1) **Go to the world! Go into all the earth.**

**Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

arr., John Carter

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PIANIST: Betsy Burmeister

*denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: James Newland