

June 23, 2024

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

June 23, 2024

10:00am Worship

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Now the Green Blade Rises

arr., Shirley W. McRae

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God who first heard the morning stars sing never forgets the cry of the afflicted.

You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you.

The God who set the limits of the seas remains a stronghold for the oppressed.

You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Come, let us thank God for steadfast love, for all God's mighty works.

*HYMN 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We turn to you for mercy, O God of our salvation.

Restore us again, for we, your people, have turned away.

When you have sent prophets

to teach us your way, to turn us from sin, and to point us toward love, we reject them, ignore them and misinterpret them.

Sometimes we do this out of ignorance, other times because we do not want to hear. Some of us feel called to speak, to give a word of correction and wisdom; but instead of listening to you,

we are led by our own desires, our own ambitions, and our own biases.

Let us hear what you want to say, O God, for you will speak peace to your people, to those who turn to you in their hearts

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet:

righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

O God, we long for your love and faithfulness; teach us your way. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me" P.M. Vasile Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 4: 35-41

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 17: 1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

PROCLAMATION

The Power of God at Work in the World

Rev. Teresa Franklin

*HYMN 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit of God gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including Concerns & Celebrations

OFFERING

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

Amanda Husberg

*DOXOLOGY

"We are Grateful, O Lord!"

We are grateful O Lord, We are grateful O Lord, for all you have done for us, We are grateful O Lord.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 741

"Guide My Feet"

African American Spiritual

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 540

"Farewell, Good Friends!"

SHALOM, CHAVERIM

Farewell, good friends! Farewell good friends! Till we meet again, till we meet again.

*POSTLUDE

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