



Happy
Father's
Day

June 16, 2024

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

June 16, 2024

10:00am Worship

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Baba Yetu (Lord's Prayer in Swahili)

Christopher Tin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Some look to technology or power
to bring them salvation,

but we look to God.

Some look to quantity or efficiency
as signs of success,

but we look to God.

For you, O God,
have made us whole.

**At the works of your hands
we sing for joy!**

*HYMN 452

"Open the Eyes Of My Heart"

Paul Baloche, 1997

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,

**as we seek to provide stability or comfort for
ourselves or our families,
the line between enough and excess can blur.**

**We hesitate to offer support to strangers -
what if we need it more one day?**

**We choose convenience so often
and create mountains of waste as a result.**

Forgive us, Lord.

**Help us to recognize when enough really is enough,
and lead us to a balanced and generous life
in harmony with you, our neighbors,
and the creation of which we are a part. 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: 26—34

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 15: 34 -16:13

PROCLAMATION

Exceptional Vision

Rev. Teresa Franklin

*HYMN 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God in whom is power and compassion.
We believe in the Creator who gave birth to the universe,
set solar systems dancing in space, shaped molecules and mountains,
and conceived beauty beyond our imagining.**

**God's power topples tyrants, and brings down walls of separation;
God's love embodies the tenderness of a mother and father,
encouraging and caring for each of us.**

**We believe in Jesus, born in obscurity in an occupied land;
a human being, vulnerable to hunger, thirst, persecution and grief.
He understood the power of love and confronted the powers of evil,
spoke the truth with courage and clarity, forgave his enemies and
changed lives.**

**In his living, dying and rising again he showed love strong enough to
save the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
who sustains, comforts and empowers us,
opens the scriptures, opens our minds,
and illuminates earth's darkness. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns & Celebrations*

OFFERING

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Robert Cull

*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 339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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* denotes standing as able.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi

LITURGISTS: Jim Newland, George McMaster

ADULT CHOIR

PRAISE BAND Mary Barnett, Winnie Mburu, soprano Nderitu Kiragu, tenor

Bill Rigsby, bass Karl Barnett, drums