

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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"Pool of Bethesda", Robert Bateman, 1877, New Haven, CT, USA

Eastertide VI May 22, 2022

Today's Pastor: Elder Brian F Graff, C.P.

Liturgist: Elder David Loebell

Accompanists: Steven Yealy, Alyssa Yealy

Musicians: Briana Carr, Brett Carrier, Austin Gray

Today's YouTube Producer: Bob Mathias

~ Order of Service ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

If you have a prayer request, please put it on a yellow card (located in the narthex) then place in the offering plate today.

PRELUDES

Rochut No. 31 ~ Rochut

EUPHONIUM – BRETT CARRIER

Song for Ina ~ Sparke

EUPHONIUM – AUSTIN GRAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADORATION 611 v. 1 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

** PRAYER OF THE DAY

**HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way, and rejected your will for our lives.

We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son, who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.

By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you in every way; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: As Paul writes to the Romans (chapter 8): "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." This we also believe and affirm, that by his death and resurrection Christ has freed us from the bondage of sin and the power of death.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**RESPONSE 581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 240 V. 1 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO. 1

***Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his name.***

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

NT LESSON Acts 16: 9 – 15 *Pew Bible P.900*

Liturgist: Here ends the reading from Acts of the Apostles.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 67 *Responsive Reading*

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: **that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

People: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

People: **The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

All: ***May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.***

NT LESSON Revelation 21: 10, 22 – 22: 5 *Pew Bible P.1008*

Liturgist: Here ends the reading from the Book of Revelation.

People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON John 5: 1 – 9 *Pew Bible P.866*

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

PULPIT HYMN 733 *We All Are One in Mission* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

THE MESSAGE

Do You Want to Get Well?

PASTOR BRIAN

ANTHEM

Morning Glow ~ Schwartz

*Moring glow, morning glow, starts to glimmer when you know.
Winds of change are set to blow and sweep this whole land through.
Morning glow is long past due.
Morning glow, fill the earth, come and shine for all your worth.
We'll be present at the birth of old faith looking new.
Morning glow is long past due.
Oh, morning glow, I'd like to help you grow.
We should have started long ago.
So, morning glow, aal day long, while we sing tomorrow's song.
Never knew we could be so strong, but now it's very clear.
Morning glow is almost here.
Morning glow, by your light, we can make the new day bright;
and the phantoms of the night will fade into the past.
Morning glow is here at last. At last.*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from "I Believe" – a Contemporary Hymn Text by:
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (1998)*

ALL:

**I believe in God the Father, the Almighty God above,
Maker of the earth and heaven which were formed in God's great love.
And in Jesus, loving Jesus, God's own Son -- who makes us new.
This, the creed of generations, is the faith for our church, too.**

MUSICIANS:

***Jesus, by God's Holy Spirit, was so wondrously conceived;
Born unto the Virgin Mary, who your promises believed.
Jesus, suffering under Pilate, on a cross was crucified.***

Soldiers mocked him, friends denied him; he hung there until he died.

MEN:

**So it was, our Lord was buried; in a borrowed tomb he lay.
To the dead he then descended. Where was joy on earth that day?
There is more to God's great story: in three days he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and he sits at God's right hand.**

WOMEN:

**I believe what God has promised: Christ will come as he has said.
He will judge the nations' peoples, both the living and the dead.
I believe God's Holy Spirit makes the church one family.
We're surrounded by God's people – saints who in our Lord believe.**

ALL:

**I believe that God forgives us for the times we turn away,
And that God will raise our bodies on that resurrection day.
We rejoice we'll live forever, singing praise to God's great name.
This, the creed of generations, is the faith that we proclaim.**

PASTORAL PRAYER with 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.**

The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

****DOXOLOGY B593** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* DOXOLOGY 1967
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creature here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. A-men.***

****CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God, accept our offerings, and use us to bring life and health and hope to your world. Make us generous and faithful stewards of your mysteries, doing your will and proclaiming your word; through Christ we pray. Amen.

The Sending

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Special Offerings: Pentecost* GINA LOEBELL

****HYMN 295** *Go to the World!* SINE NOMINE

****THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

****RESPONSE 248 v. 1** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna* HYMN TO JOY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate the day of days!

Christ is Risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the dessert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

POSTLUDE *Adagio & Allegro ~ Schumann* FRENCH HORN – BRIANA CARR

Fellowship Hour: Thanks to Grace Sechler & Audrey Carlson for hosting today.

Hosts are needed for the summer months. Sign-up in the Assembly Room.

During the summer, one week a month will be “Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard”.

(June 5, July 3, Aug 7, Sep 4)

Flowers in the Sanctuary: Provided by Audrey Carlson in memory of husband Rev. Ed Carlson’s Heavenly Birthday May 21.

Celebrations:

May 25 James Basalyga’s Birthday

May 25 Bob Young’s Birthday

May 26 Ione & Rev. Bob Mathias’ 38th Anniversary

Lighthouse Item of the Month: MAY – Canned Fruit, Especially Pineapple

New Door for New Castle Street: Help the Property Committee fund the \$6k project by sending in a check marked “Door Fund”. Currently, the fund stands at \$1,670.

Offerings, Tithes, & Gifts: Mail to 230 E. Jefferson St.; **Online** at www.covenantbutler.org; **Mobile** via Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App

Prayer Concerns: If you have a prayer request, please contact the Prayer Cordon: Virginia Lokovich 724-287-3920, Jane Hall 724-287-5410, Pastor John 412-779-6148, the church office 724-287-7731 or covenantprayers@zoominternet.net.

John Reefer & “Nurse Mary”, recovering at home from abdominal surgery
Frank, Gina Loebell’s Brother-in-law, with esophageal concerns
Leanne Heaton, continuing her frequent dialysis treatments
Pam Patterson, ongoing rehabilitation in Concordia at Cabot
Rev. John Silbert & Elaine Nucci, safe travels & blessings for John’s Princeton Seminary Reunion
Covenant’s Session, as it contemplates the future of the congregation and church, may the Spirit guide their discernment