

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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The High Priest's Breastplate - The Choshen
The Temple Institute Museum, Jerusalem

Pastor & Ministry Appreciation Day

(The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

October 13, 2024, 11:00 AM

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

TV Director: Rev. Bob Mathias

Worship Leader & Musician: Lars Morrison

TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.

Music Director: Dominico Reyes

Vocals: Chancel Choir

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE *Prayer for a Damaged World* ~ Cohen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *I Will Worship the Lord* ~ Rutter

***I will worship the Lord all the days of my life;
I will tell of his glory and will show forth his praise;
I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my strong hold.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We gather before God together, imperfect but present.

People: **Let us worship God together earnestly, with our whole selves.**

Pastor: We gather before God together, desiring deeper faith.

People: **Let us learn from God together as we seek harmony between our words and our actions.**

Pastor: In earnestness and harmony, let us worship God!

**OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION ✠

We stand before you, Saving God, stripped of our pretensions and pride, for nothing we do or say, or do not, can be hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused; you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that 'stuff' which keeps us from following Jesus.

We stand before you, Holy Grace. As you empty our hands of that wealth of unneeded things we cling so tightly to, fill them with your grace and hope. As we let go of all which might hold us back, give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that life with which he offers to each of us.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news! Because God loves us, we lack for nothing; because God forgives us, we have everything we need; because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers, we do not journey alone.

People: **Committing everything to God, trusting in Jesus Christ who redeems us, we decide to live as God's faithful and forgiven people through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**RESPONSE K9 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI (Meineke)

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: Bear with one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has

forgiven you. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you!**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 267 v.1 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

***Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!***

HT LESSON Job 23: 1 – 9, 16 – 17 *Pew Bible P.408*

Leader: This, is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 22: 1 – 15 HYMN 210 *Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me* DISTRESS

NT LESSON Hebrews 4: 12 – 16 *Pew Bible P.972-973*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

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

**GOSPEL LESSON Mark 10: 17 – 31 *Pew Bible P.822*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CANTICLE 48 *Rain Down* RAIN DOWN

***Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.***

MESSAGE “The ‘Choshen’ of the Chosen” PASTOR JOHN

SERMON RESPONSE 601

Amen

DANISH AMEN

Amen. Amen. A-men.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN SONG

A Portion of St. Patrick's Breastplate

HYMN 702

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

THE 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He Never Failed Me Yet! ~ Ray

I will sing of god's mercy, every day, every hour, He gives me power.

I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers,

toils, and snares that He has brought me out.

He is my God and I'll serve Him, no matter what the test.

Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out,

He never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver in time of storm.

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?

I know that he'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.

And didn't He cool the fiery furnaces for Shadrach, Mesach, & Abednego?

One day when my weary soul is at rest,

When I think of what my God can do,

I'm going home to be forever blessed.

He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you.

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He never failed me yet.

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**DOXOLOGY 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION ☩

When we look in the mirror, may we see our sisters and brothers in need -- the lonely, the hungry, the searching, the aching. And as we see them, we pray that these gifts we offer may be used to bring them food, hope, companionship, and healing. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Sending

**HYMN 725

Oh Jesus, I Have Promised

NYLAND

**THE CHARGE & BLESSING

****CHORAL REPSONSE** *May the Road Rise Up to Meet You ~ Lau*
***May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall softly on your fields.
And until we meet again, may God hold you, hold you in the palm of His hand.
And until we meet again, may God hold you, hold you in His hand.
Amen, amen.***

****POSTLUDE** *Aria ~ Rutter*

✠ -- *The Prayer of Confession & Assurance (adapted), as well as the Prayer of
Dedication, are from the Rev. Thom Shuman at Lectionary Liturgies.*

Wait, Don't Go Yet! Join us for food & conversation in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to
Select Congregation Members for hosting today. There are a few dates left for
hosts to sign-up!

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Lighthouse Item of the Month:
October: Thanksgiving Meal Items



Celebrations:

Oct 13 Jennie & Rev Bill Jamieson's Anniversary
Oct 14 Ann & Lars Morrison's Anniversary



Covenant Calendar:

Oct 16 Session Meeting
Oct 20 Worship through Song & Music service & Noisy Offering of Loose Change
Oct 27 Reformation Sunday
Nov 3 All Saints Sunday w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, October 20 11:00 AM
An hour of musical meditation
to center yourself in Christ.



Sunday, November 10
Steelers Game at Penn Theatre
If enough folks are interested, we will
forgo fellowship hour and convene for
this event. Sign-up sheet on the
bulletin table. Cost is \$5 and includes 2 pizza slices with
drink. Other snacks and a full bar are available.



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, or covenantoffice@zoominternet.net

Please pray for:

Everyone profoundly affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton and their deadly and destructive aftermath and for all who aid & assist them.

Dr. John Prichard, at home in Florida, beginning immuno-therapy after recent kidney surgery.

Chas Tanner, for continued healing after recent hernia surgery.

Callie, granddaughter of Audrey Carlson, is having a very difficult time with narcolepsy and is asking for your prayers.

Kim and Andrew, known to Nancy Rice, Andrew is healing after ankle replacement surgery, and for Kim in caring for him.

Connie Brown, is doing very well living with her daughter in South Carolina – attending church 3X a week: at her daughter’s Episcopal Church, the local

Presbyterian church, and Covenant church via YouTube! **Harrison**, has a job and is living with his younger brother.

Rosemary Quadrini, Elaine Nucci’s Aunt, living in Dallas, TX, is experiencing mental decline.

Andrew Wehr, Elaine’s son, has a new job with T-Mobile in Wexford; prayers for relief for him from water behind his ears.

Nancy Rettig & Family, former member, upon husband Roger's passing last week.

Pam Patterson, at Concordia Cabot.

Dee Hall, known to the Mathias’, is battling cancer.

Nicholas Iman, neighbor of the Rice’s, recovering from cancer surgery.

Mason Martin, Karns City high football player, continuing with various therapies.

We also prayer for the church in every place; for leaders and people in every land, but especially in our country and for all who are called to lead us; for peace & justice throughout the world; for all those who hunger & thirst; for all those who are ailing & in need of healing; for those we have in our hearts today ... **God of grace, hear our prayers.**

Dinner & a Movie (part deux!)

Friday, November 8 6:00 PM

Entrée provided. Bring a dish to share.

“Journey to Bethlehem” (PG) 1:39

Trinity Sanctuary

Hebrews 4: 15 – 16

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Word List

WEAKNESSES SYMPATHIZE THEREFORE BOLDNESS APPROACH WITHOUT
RESPECT RECEIVE HEBREWS UNABLE THRONE TESTED PRIEST MERCY GRACE
EVERY TIME THAT NRSV NEED HIGH HELP HAVE FIND BEEN YET WHO
SIN OUR NOT MAY LET HAS BUT ARE AND US SO DO

(Hebrews 4:15-16) For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. (16) Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (NRSV)