

# Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacrament of Holy Communion July 7, 2024

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

Worship Leader: Elder Ann Morrison

TV Producer: Brian F. Graff, C.P.

Guest Musicians: Mrs. Karen Krenitsky  
& Lars Morrison

TV Director: Rev. Bob Mathais

## ~ Order of Worship ~

\*\* = Please stand, as able

### The Gathering

PRELUDE *Peace in the Kingdom* ~ Louke ALTO FLUTE

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God's greatness is wondrous to behold!

People: **Everywhere we look, we can see the imprint of God . . .**

Pastor: From the loftiest mountains above the fruited plains to the crashing waters of the sea, beneath the starry skies,

People: **There God's greatness stands majestically!**

Pastor: God's greatness can also exist within the human heart. So, let us honor and praise God with acts of loving kindness and compassion.

People: **Amen! Let us worship God!**

#### \*\*OPENING PRAYER

\*\*HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION ☩

**As a community of believers, Holy One, we open ourselves to your restorative presence. We are surrounded by beauty, yet we often fail to wonder. We are symbols of hope, yet we often succumb to despair. We are blessed beyond measure, yet we often allow greed to shape our generosity. We are uncommonly free, yet we often bind ourselves to yesterday's failures. We are**

gifted and graced as a people of faith, yet we often fail to let our light shine. We are loved beyond measure, yet we often fail to pass on your love unconditionally.

In these moments of shared silence, encourage us to lay down our burdens, release our fears, forgive our failures, reclaim our hopes, and align ourselves with your deep wisdom.

#### A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: We are the light of the world, by the power of God's grace. Our freedom is a gift: receive it fully; Our purpose is justice: do it rightly; Our hope is peace: pursue it faithfully; Our calling is life: live it well. God is faithful in all things and so it is.

People: **Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ, we are called to new life -- Amen!**

\*\*RESPONSE 581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

***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: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

### The Word

\*\*ILLUMINATION 451 v.2 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

***Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth you sendest clear.***

***And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.***

***Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.***

***Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!***

HT LESSON 2 Samuel 5: 1 – 5, 9 – 10 *Pew Bible P.243-244*

Leader: This, is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 48 Hymn 81 *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

NT LESSON 2 Corinthians 12: 2 – 10 *Pew Bible P.943-944*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

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

\*\*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 6: 1 – 13 *Pew Bible P.817*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

\*\*CANTICLE 175 v. 2 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

***Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find;***

***knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.***

***Allelu, alleluia!***

MESSAGE *Yard Lights Burning; Star Lights Blazing* PASTOR JOHN

\*\*COMMUNION HYMN 523 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* BICENTENNIAL

### The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

\*\*DOXOLOGY 607 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH (ALT)

*Worshippers: Please note different lyrics than 606*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

\*\*THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God: Your love is everlasting and your mercy is great. When we rebelled against you, you sent your prophets to proclaim your word and call us to fix our eyes upon you. Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:  
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Congregation: Old 269 *Holy, Holy, Holy* SETTING THREE

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant: Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: Jesus healed those who believed in him and taught your wisdom to all who would

hear, that all might repent and find new life. Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast. Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Through your Spirit give us strength in our weakness and equip us to be sent out as bold disciples, proclaiming your love and grace to the world.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom as our Lord has taught us:

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\*\*THE COMMUNION

*Come Forward*

\*\*THE RESPONSE AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN 535 *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

BLESS THE LORD

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: ***And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!***  
Celebrant: Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
People: ***And forget not all God's benefits.***  
Celebrant: Let us pray:  
All: **Holy and eternal God, you are as far away as the distant stars and as close as our breath. You meet us at this table and we discover our hearts burning within us. Go with us as we leave this place, so that your light and your life may shine brightly for all to see. Amen.**

## The Sending

\*\*HYMN 338                      *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*                      MATERNA

\*\*THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*\*POSTLUDE                      *Serenade ~ Haydn*                      ALTO RECORDER

✠ -- *The Confession and Assurance is adapted from God's Freedom is Beyond Measure, written by Rev. Dr. June C. Goudey, and posted on the website of the United Church of Christ (UCC.org).*

No Fellowship Hour Today! Go out and enjoy the summer weather!

Donations: Other than the offering plate you may mail checks to 107 Staley Ave. Butler, PA 16001-2429 or use Credit/Debit in church office. Beginning July 7 (hopefully) online donations return to our website, offered through *Tithely*.

Lighthouse Item of the Month: JULY – Peanut Butter & Jelly

Next Week at Covenant: **July 14** – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Guest accompanist – Kathy Kemerer

Mission Dinner: **July 31 6:00 PM Dinner with Cathy Chang & Juan Lopez**  
Visit with Mission Workers Cathy & Juan in Fellowship Hall  
If you plan on attending, please contact host Ann Morrison by July 14 (or sooner) [annfmorrison@gmail.com](mailto:annfmorrison@gmail.com)

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](mailto:covenantoffice@zoominternet.net)  
Please pray for:

**Our nation in this 248<sup>th</sup> year of its founding** – a gift to the world, by God, and a blessing under God, with liberty and justice for all;  
**18-year old Nicholas Iman**, known to Bill and Nancy Rice, came through his recent cancer surgery better than expected! He has a long road to go, but may be able to return home sooner than expected;  
**Lynn Deluga**, frequent visitor to church, is recovering from knee surgery;  
**Mary Lee Marten**, is in rehab at St. John's Nursing Center & doing well;  
**Dee Hall**, known to the Mathias' and a member of the Concord church they served, is battling cancer – and **please keep the Concord Congregation** in your prayers as they determine next steps in how they will conduct ministry without the use of their building;  
**Rosemary Latella**, Elaine Nucci's godmother, in hospice at home in Utica, NY;  
**Art Hagg**, nephew-in-law of Betty Butler, is now able walk after recent foot surgery;  
**Mason Martin**, Karns City high football player, rehabbing and convalescing from home! He continues with speech, occupational and physical therapy at the UPMC Lemieux Sports Center.  
**Pam Patterson**, at Concordia at Cabot;  
. . . **God of grace, hear our prayers.**



## Proclaim the Good News

July 9, 10, 11

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Covenant Sanctuary

Invite friends, family, & folks from other congregations

A time for Study, Crafts, Activities, Music, & Snacks!



A day of Fundraising to support our Music Department  
& our student musicians from Slippery Rock University

**11:15 AM Outdoor Worship**

**12:30 PM Picnic Meal Fundraiser - \$10**

**2:00 PM Concert Fundraiser - donations accepted**

**Invite your Family & Friends – Bring a Lawn Chair!**

Volunteers for Summer Fest: If you are graciously able to help with set-up, tear-down, or food service for our July 28 event, please see coordinator Brian Graff or sign-up on the list in the Narthex.

Donations Accepted: If you would like to help cover the cost of food supplies for the picnic, please do so at the church office.

Desserts Needed: Baked goods will be available for donation during the concert!