

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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Moses and the Burning Bush, Illuminated Manuscript, 1507
Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, Maryland

Sunday, August 30th, 2026 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.

Worship Leader: Ann Morrison

Musician: Melanie Rodgers

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness.

People: **Seek God in the sanctuary.**

Pastor: Seek God in the burning bush.

People: **Seek God in the burning heart.**

Pastor: The Lord is here! This place is holy!

People: **We are standing on holy ground. Let us worship God!**

**OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 850

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses, lose our lives? Forgive us, Savior, but we'd rather you do it for us. Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us. We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take. Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling. Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow, and lead us in your ways of peace.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Christ does not abandon us, but died for us, was raised for us, and loves us still. This is the good news that prevails!

People: **In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are forgiven!**

The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

**DOXOLOGY 717 *For the Life That You Have Given* PLEADING SAVIOR

***For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.***

CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness. With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you. Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and grace for the world you dearly love. Amen.

The Sending

**HYMN 49 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE

⌘-- About the cover illustration: This is a leaf from an illuminated manuscript created in 1507 – artist unknown – in the collection of the Walters Art Museum of Baltimore, Maryland. Moses (on the lower left) is adorned with rays that look like horns coming out of his head. According to a Biblical Archaeology article by Lee M. Jefferson, (“The Horns of Moses”) *“In Exodus 34:29, the Hebrew word qāran (or qeren) is used to describe Moses’ face after he has spoken with God. In Hebrew, qāran can mean “to shine” or “to send forth rays,” often in poetic or allegorical ways.*

In the 4th century, the Christian scholar Jerome translated the Old Testament into Latin. He rendered qāran as cornuta, meaning “horned”. This was likely intended to convey that Moses’ face was radiant or glorified, but the literal Latin word led medieval artists to depict Moses with actual horns.” In the upper right, God appears within the flames of the burning bush. Small sheep appear amidst green grass and a flowing stream, owing to Moses’ role as a shepherd of his Father-in-law Jethro’s herd? . . . Or is it a reference to the Lord as Shepherd in the 23rd Psalm? Birds and fish also appear in the waters that speak to God’s abundance.

Romans 12: 17

E N O Y N A T
L L A R R H R
B I S T O N E
O V H U M K P
N E G B A F A
W H A T N O Y
T H G I S R D

Word List

THOUGHT ROMANS ANYONE SIGHT REPAY NOBLE WHAT TAKE NRSV
EVIL THE NOT FOR BUT ALL IN DO

*(Romans 12:17 NRSV) Do not repay anyone evil for evil,
but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.*

Church Notices:

Wait! Don't Go Yet! Join us for food & conversation in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to *Ron Beatty & Sandy Graff* for hosting today!

Worship Accompanists Needed! Sept 13, 20, 27; Oct 4; Nov 15
Piano, Organ, Any Instrument OK! See Church Administrator ASAP.

Mission

4T/5T & 5T/6T Pull-up Diapers needed for Isaiah 117 House
Light house Item of the Month for September is Canned Chicken & Tuna; Boxed Beef/Chicken Broth

Celebrations

Aug 23 John & Mary Reefer's Anniversary
Aug 27 Nancy Rice's 80th Birthday!

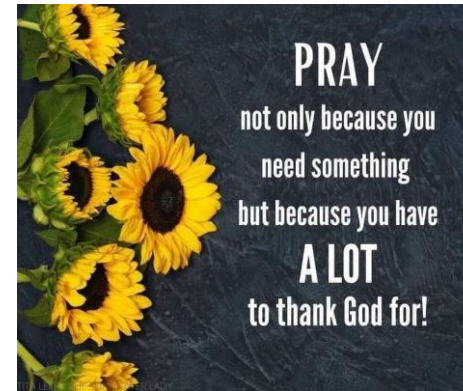
September 13 Welcoming Sunday

Fall Choir Semester Starts Come join us in praising the Lord!
Pot-Luck Luncheon after Worship. Bring a dish!

September 26 Butler Fall Festival

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM - Main Street Downtown Butler

Come work the campus booth in front of the old Dollar General.
The campus will provide 4 nice gift baskets to raffle & cookies to sale.
Set-up & Tear-down help will be needed!



Prayer List

The Family and Church of Elder Andrew Why, a leader in Beaver-Butler Presbytery, who died very unexpectedly 2 weeks ago – He was a member of 1st Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls;

John Pritchard, in a rehab center in Lutz, Florida;

John & Pat, friends of Bill & Nancy Rice, John diagnosed with pancreatic cancer;

Pam White, a church neighbor, is in the hospital suffering from a broken wrist and poor health in general;

Ed and Tom Butler, sons of Betty Butler, are doing better;

Jane Faulkner, Ann Morrison's sister in CA, still is battling recalcitrance in FEMA processing her housing needs and requests -- pray for a crack in the stonewall of FEMA Senior staff. . . Jane may need to relocate from her current living situation because her persistent lung-related illness (MAC) may be triggered by her current living situation in Sebastopol, CA; **Scotty McAliley**, Ann's cousin in Marietta, Georgia, continues bi-weekly chemo-therapy for the remainder of her life.