

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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“The Election of Matthias as One of the Twelve.” 1875.
Church of St. Mor and St. Deiniol, Llanfor, Gwynedd, Wales.

Eastertide VII & Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 2024

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

Worship Leader: Elder Lars Morrison

Music Director: Dominico Reyes

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

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE *Sonata in C minor Mvt. 2 ~ Beethoven*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP ☩

Pastor: We are not tired of saying it.

People: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Pastor: It’s been seven weeks, but we can’t stop ourselves from saying it again and again.

People: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Pastor: So, let’s find a new way to tell this story. Let’s not let the power of resurrection be limited by the Biblical canon.

People: **Let’s worship God with all of the stories that we can possibly think to tell.**

Pastor: Let’s not get tired of saying it.

People: **Christ is risen! Alleluia! Let us worship God!**

**OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts

and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are
forgiven.

People: **Alleluia, thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSE C54 *To God Be the Glory* MY TRIBUTE

***To God be the glory, To God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me; With His pow'r He has raised me.
To God be the glory for the things He has done.***

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one
another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. 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.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.***

HT LESSON Acts 1: 15 –17, 21 – 26 *Pew Bible P.885*

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 1 Hymn 457 *How Happy are the Saints of God* WAREHAM

NT LESSON 1 John 5: 9 – 13 *Pew Bible P.991-992*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

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

**GOSPEL LESSON John 17: 6 – 19 *Pew Bible P.879-880*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CANTICLE 239 v.1 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!* GELOBT SEI GOTT

***Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

MESSAGE *Puck Luck* PASTOR JOHN

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From the Scots Confession, 1560, 3.11*

We do not doubt but that the selfsame body which was born of the virgin, was crucified, and buried, and which did rise again, did ascend into the heavens, for the accomplishment of all things, where in our name and for our comfort he has received all power in heaven and earth, where he sits at the right hand of the Father, having received his kingdom, the only advocate and mediator for us . . . We believe that the same Lord Jesus shall visibly return for the Last Judgment as he was seen to ascend.

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

****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.

****THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of hope and love, your Son prayed for his followers in the world, that they might be one. At his ascension he gave gifts to his church. Lead us, as members of his body on earth, to do your will and to use these gifts offered in Jesus' name to serve you and one another. Amen.

The Sending

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Pentecost Special Offering* GINA LOEBELL

****HYMN 722 *Lord, speak to Me That I May Speak* CANONBURY**

****THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

****POSTLUDE *Sonatina No. 4 in C Major ~ Beethoven***

☩ -- *The Call to Worship is written by the Rev. Elsa Peter (adapted), as posted at Liturgy Link.*

Wait...Don't Go Yet! All are welcome to stay, socialize and enjoy food with us after the service. Today we are having Mother's Day dessert & Ice Cream at the Sanctuary tables. Grab a bite on the way out or sit and talk a spell. For future dates, a host sign-up sheet is in the Narthex outside the office.

Lighthouse Item of the Month: **MAY = Pasta**

Donations: Other than the offering plate

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*Coming soon: A new online donation system.

Next Week at Covenant: May 19 – Pentecost (Red) w/Communion

Noisy offering of Loose Change

Notice: Session meeting 6:00 PM Wed. May 15 in Fellowship Hall.

Celebrations:

May 13 Pam Patterson

May 15 Mary Lee Marten



Happy Mother's Day...
To all who have a Mothering Spirit!

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:

Debbie (and Tom) Snow, who cared for Romaine MacDonald, for healing and comfort for Debbie after a mild stroke;
Monica, neighbor of Bill & Nancy Rice, for treatment & relief from constant pain;
Virginia Lokovich and family, for God's abiding presence and comfort;
Rosemary Latella, Elaine Nucci's godmother, in hospice care at home in Utica, NY;
Andrew Wehr, Elaine's son, in need of proper diagnosis for continued aches and pains;
Art Hagg, nephew-in-law of Betty Butler, continues doing well after foot surgery;
David Johnston, related to Betty Butler, waiting on testing for next steps in recovery from back problems;
Ed Butler, older son of Betty Butler, recovering from minor abdominal surgery;
Lauren Loebell, awaiting results from testing for body pain & discomfort;
Service-related workers, known to Sir Lars, on mission-related efforts in the Ukraine;
Ann Morrison, for discernment and direction for her next steps in life & work;
Kathy, friend of Dr. John & Mary Reefer, coming to grips with quadriplegia as a result of a car accident last fall;
Callie, Audrey Carlson's granddaughter, has an appointment for an MRI, but is still waiting on insurance clearances to have it;
Mason Martin, Karns City high football player, is still in hospital rehabilitation;
Pam Patterson, at Concordia at Cabot.

... **God of grace, hear our prayers.**

Psalm 1

H T H G I L E D M P W P E K I L
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G O R E A H J Y N O R R E R E Q
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Word List

CONGREGATION THEREFORE RIGHTEOUS SCOFFERS MEDITATE
JUDGMENT WATCHES STREAMS SINNERS PROSPER PLANTED
DELIGHT WITHER WICKED SEASON PSALMS PERISH LEAVES
FOLLOW DRIVES ADVICE YIELD WHICH WATER TREES TREAD
THOSE THEIR STAND NIGHT HAPPY FRUIT CHAFF WIND WILL
THEY THAT TAKE SEAT PATH OVER LORD LIKE AWAY WHO
SIT NOT NOR LAW ITS HIS DAY BUT ARE ALL DO BY