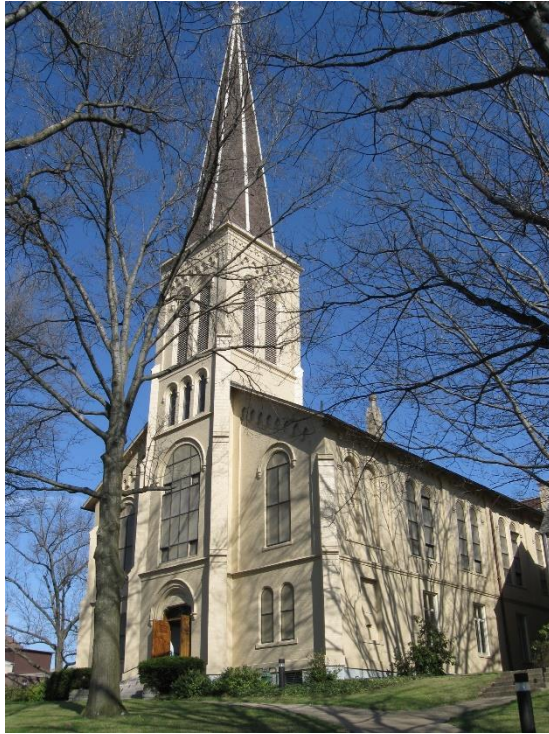


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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 2022

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

Leader: Ms. Dorothy Wallace

Accompanist: Steven Yealy

Choir/Instrumental Director: Bri Carr

Covenant TV Producer: Brian F. Graff

~ Order of Service ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION

** PRAYER OF THE DAY

**HYMN 696

O God, You Are My God Alone

GRATUS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

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.

Let us affirm the good news of the gospel!

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen!**

RESPONSE 581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI **GREATOREX
***Glory be 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: A harvest of righteousness is sewn in peace for those who
make peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with
you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 175 V. 2 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY
***Ask, and it shall be given unto you: seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.***

OT LESSON Jeremiah 32: 1 – 3a, 6 – 15 *Pew Bible P.643*
Liturgist: This, is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 91 HYMN 43 *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord* ON EAGLE'S WINGS

NT LESSON 1 Timothy 6: 6 – 19 *Pew Bible P.965-966*
Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.
People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL READING Luke 16: 19 – 31 *Pew Bible P.851-852*

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CANTICLE 735 V.2 *I Need Thee Every Hour* NEED
***I need thee every hour, stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
I need thee, O I Need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me know, my Savior – I come to thee!***

SERMON *To Own or To Be Owned* PASTOR JOHN

SERMON RESPONSE 564 Amen AMEN(Schubert)
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, a-men.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from Colossians 1:15-20*

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all
creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible
and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself
is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body,
the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might
come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was
pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his
cross. Amen.**

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 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION ☩

We have the means to give, we have the reason to give, and there are many waiting for us to give. Yet often, our hands hold back, and we hoard what we have for ourselves.

God of grace, help us live and give in your kingdom of love, where there are no enemies, only brothers and sisters, and kindness is the air we breathe. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The Sending

**HYMN 692 *Spirit, Open My Heart* WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

**THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

☩ *The Prayer of Dedication is from Carol Penner at Leading in Worship.*

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

Please Note: Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish festival of their New Year) begins this evening at sundown and initiates the ten Days of Awe (Yamim Noraim) that culminates on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, October 5. A good and simple greeting for our Jewish friends during this time is "L'Shanah Tova" ([May you have] a Good year!)

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Connie Brown for hosting today. Please sign-up in the Assembly Room if you would like to be a host.



Lighthouse Item of the Month:

OCTOBER: Soup

From the Treasurer: August 2022 Financial Snapshot

Total Budgeted Expenses	\$13,467
Budgeted Income from All Sources	\$4,667
Taken from Reserve Funds to meet Budgeted Expenses	\$8,800
20 – 2022 pledges total	\$76,940



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 or the Prayer Hotline email covenantprayers@zoominternet.net.

Please remember these people especially this week:

Leanne Heaton, is in rehabilitation at Concordia in Cabot.

Jim Faridy, David Blewett's brother-in-law, has begun hospice care in Levittown, PA; prayers also for wife, **Lynne**, and son and daughter, **Jeffrey and Lisa**.

Beth Ann, daughter of Betty Butler continuing long-term rehabbing of a muscle in her left leg.

Mindy Gall, with health concerns.

Betty Anderson, prayers of thanksgiving for her continued wellness.

Tracey, a family relation of Leanne Heaton, is awaiting results this month from recent chemo treatments.

Hope Robinson and family, grieving in the recent death of her brother, **David**.

Ann Morrison, for wisdom and discernment in prospects and projects, and daughter, **Sarah Jane**, for employment opportunities.

Dr. Inari, known to Lars Morrison, has colon cancer; and **Dennis Love**, a friend, awaiting surgical procedures on his legs needs healing for his kidneys so the surgery can take place.

John LeTourneau, a friend of the Loebell's, hoping to avoid knee surgery through alternate therapies.

Pam Patterson, ongoing rehabilitation in Concordia at Cabot.

The People of Ukraine in this time of uncertainty and **All called to duty**, there, suffering casualties, while serving in harm's way.

The People of Australia, especially, and the British commonwealth of nations as transitions in governance are made.



Saturday, October 1

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

***Historic Tours: UGRR**

***Fundraiser Bake Sale**

***Take a \$3 chance on our Super Prize Basket Raffle**

Volunteers Needed:

****To Bake & Donate Goodies to Sale***

****To Donate Items for Prize Basket***

****Staff the Open House***

Please contact Brian in the Church Office to volunteer