

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, July 5, 2026
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ **Order of Worship** ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Pastor: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: **O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

**OPENING PRAYER

**HYMNS 338/337 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies/ My Country, 'Tis of Thee* MATERNA/AMERICA

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, forgive us when turn a deaf ear to your call in Jesus Christ and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. O Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love you with all that we are that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of your Holy

Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and put our trust. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: The apostle Paul also wrote to the believers in Galatia, "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" We are empowered to love through Christ's love for us!

People: **We hear and believe this good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, so let us bless one another as we give thanks to God, 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: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, though who has brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by his light might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 451 v.1 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* OPEN MY EYES
***Open my eyes, that I may see glimpse of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!***

CORPORATE PSALM 100 *All Lands Summoned to Praise God*

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.**
- 2 Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**
- 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

5 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

NT LESSON Romans 7: 15 – 25a *Pew Bible P.918*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle. People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11: 25 – 30 *Pew Bible P.792*

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord. People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

CANTICLE 175 v.1 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

***Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!***

MESSAGE *America at 250: Citizenship, Allegiance, Rights and Obligations* PASTOR JOHN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN SONG 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

**DOXOLOGY 607 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

***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 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: As you established a people in covenant love and brought them out from the bonds of slavery in Egypt to a land flowing with milk and honey, so you enabled pilgrim people to seek a new life of freedom here in America long ago. We give thanks for the blessings we have in this country knowing how much it has cost so many through these 250 years.

As you have borne witness to your steadfast love in the midst of your covenant people through prophets, priests and kings, so you have called

this country to account through many lives, hearts and voices. We know that our Living Lord Jesus is the source for all in service to the truth of your loving kindness and grace.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church, the heavenly choir, and all the people in this country's history who have expressed your will through their heart's desire of service to your Son, our Savior, singing:

Congregation: *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. Through his selfless love, costing not less than everything he had for our sakes, he has served as the exemplar of all who have given of themselves that this nation might live. So as we remember the gifts of grace in what our Lord has done for us, so we give thanks to you, O God, for the abundance you have given us in our land, our lives, and liberty. Your largesse of loving kindness is the life's learning of our nation's history. Help us to serve you knowing how precious the gift of life, liberty, and love are in this place – great is the mystery of faith for all:

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

Celebrant: O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast, even as you have blessed this country in every time and place. Grace our table with your presence even as you enable us as a nation to provide gifts and blessings to others. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread, as you have, time and again, made yourself known to us in the recorded history of America. Help us always to be the body of Christ for one another, our nation and the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love. With all your holy ones of all times and places, and in this great land of liberty and love we praise you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, 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: **We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever. Amen.**

The Sending

**HYMN 354

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BATTLE HYMN

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE

Wait! Don't Go Yet! Join us for food & conversation in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to *Mother Hubbard's Cupboard* for hosting today! (Bring an item to share.)

Church Announcements

Worship Accompanists Needed! September 13 – December 27.

Piano, Organ, Any Instrument OK! See Church Administrator ASAP.

July 19 Summerfest: Joint worship outdoors with Trinity 10:30 AM; Picnic 11:45AM; 1:30PM Concert on the lawn – fundraiser for our Student Musician Program.

Trinity Car Cruise: August 22 Volunteers needed to man our popcorn & water booth

Fellowship Hosts: Please remember the following rules when hosting fellowship hour –

Clean all dishes, appliances, counters used.

Take out trash in both cans.

Make sure supplies are put away in their designated places.

Make sure the kitchen A/C & lights are off.

Make sure the stove/oven is not on, check the flame on burners.

Pack it in...Pack it out. If you can't give away items, they must leave with you.



Prayer List

The Family of Brian Wilharm of Jefferson Hills, the two-year old grandson of Jim Fox, a fellow worker with Elaine Nucci at the National Aviary, who died suddenly in an accidental drowning.

Barb, friend of Linda Peters, who is in the hospital with heart problems and other health issues, and **Scott**, Linda's neighbor, battling cancer;

Ed and Tom Butler, sons of Betty Butler, who continue working through health concerns;

Leo Deblack, great grandson of Nancy Rice's brother, with a rare, but treatable genetic disorder called MSUD. . . prayers are appreciated for the family;

Jane Faulkner, Ann Morrison's sister in CA, receiving assistance with her FEMA housing file from Congressman Kelly's office, while she is managing treatment for persistent lung-related illness (MAC); **Scotty McAliley**, Ann Morrison's cousin in Marietta, Georgia, continuing chemotherapy for the remainder of her life, while caring for her 99-year-old mother, herself with health issues;

Maria, Miquel & family, known to Dave Loebell, Miquel has been diagnosed with aggressive bladder cancer.