

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

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*“Pondering the Silence at the Still Point of the Soul”*

## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time June 19, 2022

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

Leader: Ms. Dorothy Wallace

Accompanist: Steven Yealy

YouTube Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.

## ~ Order of Service ~

\*\* = Please stand, as able

### The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION

\*\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*\*HYMN 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: . . . Friends, let us affirm the good news of the gospel:

People: **Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven people! Thanks be to God!**

\*\*RESPONSE 581

*Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

***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.**

RECEIVING THE NOISY OFFERING OF LOOSE CHANGE with Prayer

## The Word

**\*\*ILLUMINATION 286 V. 3** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

***Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.***

OT LESSON 1 Kings 19: 1 – 15a *Pew Bible P. 284-285*

Liturgist: This, is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 42/43 HYMN 778 *As Pants the Deer for Living Streams* SEACHRIST

NT LESSON Galatians 3: 23 – 29 *Pew Bible P.947*

Liturgist: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

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

**\*\*GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 8:26-39 *Pew Bible P.841*

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CANTICLE 288 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (x2)***

***Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.***

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

THE SERMON *Silence at the Still Point of the Soul* PASTOR JOHN

SERMON RESPONSE 583 *Glory to God* GLORIA (Taize)

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!***

***Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!***

**\*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church*✠

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as God's divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.**

**Glory be to the immortal and all-wise God, in whom we have had our birth, in whose care we are constantly kept, and unto whom we shall return when our days on earth are ended. Amen.**

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 607 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH (alt.)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise Christ, all creatures here below;***

***Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. A-men.***

\*\*THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, you bring quiet confidence and assurance to people troubled in body, mind, and spirit; we thank you for your gentle stillness that blesses, encourages, and restores us. We come before you with the offering of these gifts, refreshed in your Holy Spirit. May our thanksgiving be the source for others giving you praise, too; in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

### **The Sending**

\*\*HYMN 169

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

REST

\*\*THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

⌘ *“Juneteenth”* – first recognized on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1865 – honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. On June 17, 2021, it officially became a federal holiday. In recognition of Juneteenth, today, we affirm our faith using a creed in use by the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. An historically black denomination, the CME Church is a branch of Wesleyan Methodism founded and organized by John Wesley in England in 1844 and established in America as the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784.

**Offerings, Tithes, & Gifts: Mail to 230 E. Jefferson St.; Online at [www.covenantbutler.org](http://www.covenantbutler.org); Mobile via Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App**

Fellowship Hour: Thanks to Brian Graff for hosting today. Hosts are needed for the second half of our summer season. Sign-up in the Assembly Room.

Lighthouse Item of the Month: **JUNE:** Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Etc.)

Celebration: June 20 Brian Graff’s Birthday

*Correction: The Blewett’s Anniversary was their 59<sup>th</sup>.*

June 26 Music Dept. Cookout Fundraiser: Help the Music Dept. cover expenses for the cookout by donating to “music cookout”. The more we provide in advance, the more funds we get to keep! We appreciate your consideration in helping us fund the Fall Music program for our Worship Services. We accept checks labeled “music cookout” or cash in our jar located at the Assembly Room Kitchen counter. Credit/Debit also accepted.

Prayer Circle: Join us for a time of “sharing joys and concerns” every Sunday in the Assembly Room at 10:45 AM. Our Prayer Circle replaces pre-service calls for prayer in the Sanctuary ahead of our live broadcast.



Joint Services:

July 3 St. Andrews @ Covenant 11:00 AM Message: Pastor Merry Hope Meloy

July 10 Covenant @ St. Andrews 10:30 AM Message: Pastor John C. R. Silbert

From the Treasurer: **May Financial Summary**

Total Budgeted Expenses	\$15,528
Budgeted Income from All Sources	\$11,487
Taken from Reserve Funds to meet Budgeted Expenses	\$4,040
20 – 2022 Pledges received	\$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, the church office 724-287-7731 or [covenantprayers@zoominternet.net](mailto:covenantprayers@zoominternet.net).

**Dr. Ellen Dodge**, a friend of Leanne Heaton, continuing recuperation & physical therapy.

**Aria**, young 4-year-old with cancer as she moves to palliative care.

**Frank**, Gina Loebell's Brother-in-law, with esophageal concerns.

**Virginia Lokovich family members & Grandson Nathan**, hunting for a living situation that can best accommodate Nathan's physical needs.

**John Reefer**, for increasing good health and wellness day-by-day after surgery.

**Leanne Heaton**, continuing dialysis treatments.

**Rev. Dr. Robert Taylor**, a former pastor of Covenant, prayers for recovery from a recent stroke.

**Alene Campbell**, lone Mathias's mother, undergoing minor hand surgery.

**Jacquelyn**, known to Elaine Nucci, still grieving the death of her husband.

**David and Rosemary Quadrini**, Elaine Nucci's Aunt and Uncle in Dallas, TX, with health concerns.

**Carl and Katherine**, known to the Morrises, that their child will be safely delivered.

**Mckenna**, 18 year old neighbor of Connie Swartzfeger, hospitalized with health complications.

**Pam Patterson**, ongoing rehabilitation in Concordia at Cabot.

**All those graduating** from various schools, colleges, and universities.

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

**For homeless people and those in need** near at hand.

**For the Holy Spirit's discernment, direction, and guidance for Covenant**, as we contemplate the congregation's mission and ministry into the future.

## Music Dept. Cookout Fundraiser

**Sunday June 26 12:00 – 2:00 PM**

**\$8 per person all ages (extra meat \$3)**

**Choice of 1/3 Lb. Angus Burger – or- 2 Hot Dogs  
Plus Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, Cookie, Drink**



**Rain or Shine!**

**Help Support Our Music & Worship Arts**

**Join us on the Covenant lawn for summer picnic favorites!**