

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



Eastertide IV – The Good Shepherd Sunday May 8, 2022

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

Liturgist: Elder David Loebell

Accompanist: Steven Yealy

A Casual Worship Service in the Assembly Room

~ Order of Service ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE *Arioso* ~ Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION

** PRAYER OF THE DAY

**HYMN 369 *Blessing and Honor* O QUANTA QUALIA

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who shepherds us, you must wonder how long we will continue to live the way we do. We snatch hope out of the grasp of those who need it most. Our acts of kindness are offered only to those we think to be deserving of our generosity. We gather around to watch endless reality shows, while those whose real lives are filled with struggle and loss are ignored.

Yet you refuse to keep forgiveness a mystery, Gracious God, but offer it to us without any hesitation. You gather us in the green pastures of mercy, so we might find hope; you offer us a drink of the living waters so we might become still enough to listen to your heart; you send the Spirit to take us by the hand to lead us on the paths of justice; the goodness and mercy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, follow us all the days as we seek to be faithful in our calling to serve him.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news: God will lead us into places of hope; God will give us the waters of life to strengthen us; God will be with us in every moment, in every place of our lives.

People: **Anointed with grace, fed with joy and wonder, we offer blessing and thanksgiving to the One who forgives us now and forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**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: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 240 V. 4 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO. 1
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his name.

4. Come let us praise the living God, joyfully singing to our Savior.

NT LESSON Acts 9: 36 – 43 *Pew Bible P.894*
Liturgist: Here ends the reading from Acts of the Apostles.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 23 HYMN 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION

NT LESSON Revelation 7: 9 - 17 *Pew Bible P.999*
Liturgist: Here ends the reading from Revelation.
People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON John 10: 22 – 30 *Pew Bible P.873*
Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.
People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

CANTICLE 239 v. 4 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!* GELOBT SEI GOTT
Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON *Both Shepherd and Sheep* PASTOR JOHN

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

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. 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 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.***

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**There are those who have no place to rest, may our gifts provide
shelter.**

**There are those who are parched for justice, may our generosity quench
their thirst.**

**There are those who wander the streets alone and afraid, may our
blessings provide a way.**

**There are those who are in the valleys of suffering, may offer ourselves
as companions on the journey. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

The Sending

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Odds & Ends* AUDREY CARLSON

**HYMN 187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**RESPONSE 248 v. 3 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna* HYMN TO JOY

***Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: Christ is risen! Get you gone!
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!***

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from the Rev. Thom Shuman at Lectionary Liturgies: <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2019/05/liturgy-with-communion-for-may-12-2019.html>

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

Mission Item of the Month: MAY – Canned Fruit...Especially Pineapple!

Fellowship Hour: Thanks to "Father Hubbard" for hosting today. Hosts are needed for the summer months beginning May 15. Sign-up in the Assembly Room. During the summer, one week a month will be "Mother Hubbard's Cupboard". (May 8, June 5, July 3, Aug 7, Sep 4)

Celebrations: May 13 Pam Patterson's Birthday

May 15 Mary Lee Marten's Birthday.

Sending Out an S.O.S: Won't you please help us with the "Door Fund"?

We need to replace the brown doors of the Sarver building on New Castle St. since they no longer are able to be secured properly. The hardware is 84 years old and is no longer able to be repaired or serviced. The cost of new metal security doors with panic hardware, plus installation, is near the \$6,000 mark. Please consider a donation toward this project so we may save our budgeted funds for worship, mission, and God's work in the community. Please mark all donations "Door Fund".



Today at 3:00 PM

Musical Melodies

Vocal & Brass Showtunes, plus Dessert

Concert: Grand Sanctuary 2nd Floor

Dessert Party: Assembly Room, 1st Floor

\$8 at the Door

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.

Luis, friend of David Loebell recovering from recent emergency surgery;
Leanne Heaton, continuing thrice weekly dialysis treatments;
Virginia Lokovich family members, especially **grandson Nathan** hunting for a living situation that can best accommodate his physical needs;
Carolyn Starkey, David Loebell's aunt is doing much better!
Steve, Linda Peter's stepson, has a detached retina after recent cataract surgery;
Pam Patterson, in her continuing rehabilitation at Concordia (Cabot);
The People of Ukraine in this time of uncertainty, **and all who are called to duty serving there** in harm's way.

Revelation 7: 14 - 15

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Word List

REVELATION WORSHIP SHELTER WITHIN WASHED THRONE TEMPLE SEATED
REASON ORDEAL BEFORE WHITE THESE THEIR ROBES NIGHT KNOWS
GREAT BLOOD WILL THIS THEY THEN THEM THAT SAID NRSV MADE
LAMB HAVE COME YOU WHO SIR OUT HIM GOD DAY ARE AND TO

(Revelation 7:14-15) I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (15) For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. (NRSV)