

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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“... A great multitude from Galilee followed him; hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers.”
Mark 3:7b-8

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 9, 2024

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert
Music Director: Dominico Reyes
TV Producer: Brian F. Graff, C.P.

Worship Leader: Dorothy Wallace
Guest Musician: Don Wallace
TV Director: Rev. Bob Mathias

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

ANNIVERSARY MUSIC *Selections for Small Pipe* Sir Lars Morrison

PRELUDE *Children's Prayer* ~ Humperdink

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP ☩

Pastor: O Lord our God, we come together with songs of praise in our hearts, because of your unfailing love and faithfulness.

People: **Even though we struggle with life's issues, your mercy blesses us.**

Pastor: Listening God, we come together with prayers of thanks in our hearts, because you hear and answer our prayers.

People: **Even though life is sometimes difficult, your strength blesses us.**

Pastor: Welcoming God, we come together in reverent worship filling our minds, because your faithful love endures forever.

People: **Even though we are people who sometimes feel lost and abandoned, God's love blesses us and never changes.**

All: **Thanks and praise be to our glorious God for ever and ever. Let us worship God! Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 410 *God Is Calling through the Whisper* W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

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, Amen.

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! Thanks be to God!**

**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: 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 286 V.4 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, breath of God; so shall I never die,

but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

HT LESSON 1 Samuel 8: 4 – 11, 16 - 20 *Pew Bible P.218-219*

Leader: This, is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 138 Hymn 334 *With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring* ST. PETERSBURG

NT LESSON 2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1 *Pew Bible P.939*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

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

**GOSPEL LESSON Mark 3: 20 – 35 *Pew Bible P.814-815*

Pastor: The Gospel of the 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.***

MESSAGE *Beyond Bagamoyo* PASTOR JOHN

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God**

the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* ~ Larson

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

**THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, We have known your unfailing love and faithfulness, your care and provision, your protection and salvation. And so we respond with deep gratitude, offering back to you a portion of what you have given to us. Accept the gifts we bring—tangible expressions of our love and gratitude for what you have so generously given to us. Amen.

The Sending

**HYMN 376

When All Is Ended

YOGANANDA

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* ~ Larson

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No Fellowship Hour Today! Fellowship returns next week and will take place in the Sanctuary.

Lighthouse Item of the Month: JUNE – Baking Mixes (Cakes & Cookies)

Donations: Other than the offering plate you may mail checks to 107 Staley Ave. Butler, PA 16001-2429 or use Credit/Debit in church office

Next Week at Covenant: **June 16** – Noisy Offering of Loose Change Session meeting on June 19 6:00 PM at Mathias' Home.

Summer Session: Our summer schedule runs now through September 8. Covenant Doors **open at 10:15 AM**, The red door is available until 10:50 AM and again after service. Worship is at 11:00 AM, and Fellowship Hour at 12:00 PM. We will have 4 days with no fellowship so folks can enjoy the summer weather and events. No fellowship days are June 9, July 7, August 18, & September 8. **There is no Seeker's Class or any other regular activity in session until September.**

New Contact Info: If you would like to keep in touch with Connie Brown, please use this address effective June 8:

Connie Brown; 306 Hydrangea St.; Summerville, SC 29483 – 5534

Coming Soon! **Summer Fest 2024 – Sunday, July 28**



11:15 AM Outdoor Worship

12:30 PM Picnic Meal Fundraiser

2:00 PM Concert Fundraiser

Invite your family & friends.

Fundraiser benefits SRU students in our music program.

Volunteers for Summer Fest: If you are graciously able to help with set-up, tear-down, or food service for our July 28 event, please see coordinator Brian Graff.

Musicians, Vocalists, Groups: If you know anyone who would like to perform in our summer benefit concert, please contact Brian Graff or Dominico Reyes.

Celebrations:

June 10 Virginia Lokovich's Birthday

June 15 David & Nancy Blewett's Anniversary

VBS: Empty Containers & Seashells Needed: Trinity Church is collecting empty plastic peanut-type bottles for a Vacation Bible School project; as well as seashells. If you have any of either item, please leave them on the table at the top of the Covenant stairs. "Sail Away" is this year's nautical themed Vacation Bible School hosted by Trinity Church June 17 - 20. Children 3 – 12 are welcome! If you would like to assist, sign-up in the Trinity Narthex or see Chris Swory.

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:

Connie Brown and Harrison, as they move south – safe travels and blessings!
18-year old Nicholas, known to Bill and Nancy Rice, battles stage IV cancer and will undergo extensive surgery on June 24th;
Jodi & Frank, sister & brother-in-law of Gina Loebell, as they regroup from the fire that took their bakery business;
Callie, Audrey Carlson's granddaughter, learned her recent MRI was clear, but a follow-up CT scan is needed and has been scheduled;
Brian Graff, continued healing from a recent outpatient procedure;
Pastor Merry Meloy, for relief from a bad (almost summer cold!);
Monica, neighbor of Bill & Nancy Rice, for treatment & relief from constant pain;
Rosemary Latella, Elaine Nucci's godmother, in hospice at home in Utica, NY;
Andrew Wehr, Elaine's son, for progress on healing following a recent doctor visit;
Art Hagg, nephew-in-law of Betty Butler, continues to heal after foot surgery;
Lauren Loebell, was able to visit her family this week, but still has no answers to occasional body discomfort and pain;
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;
Mason Martin, Karns City high football player, is still in hospital rehabilitation;
Pam Patterson, at Concordia at Cabot.
... **God of grace, hear our prayers.**