

# Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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**18<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**  
**August 4, 2024**

Guest Pastor: Brian F Graff, C.P.  
Worship Leader: Ann Morrison  
Music Director: Dominico Reyes

TV Producer: David Loebell  
TV Director: Rev. Bob Mathias  
Flute: Lars Morrison

## ~ Order of Worship ~

\*\* = Please stand, as able

### The Gathering

PRELUDE *Sonata in C Major ~ Vivaldi*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING TO WORSHIP

\*\*OPENING PRAYER

\*\*HYMN 756 *God of Every Nation* LLANGLFFAN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst.**

**Forgive us, Faithful Heart. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people: there are no plastic protectors on the furniture; there are no rooms that are off-limits; and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big peoples' Table and be fed by your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior.**

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Do you remember? At one time, you were without Christ; you were the stranger, the outsider, the alien. But now, in Christ, you have been brought home, living in God's household of hope and peace.

People: **God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever; God's forgiveness makes us new and whole.**

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!**

\*\*RESPONSE K9 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI (Meineke)  
***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: May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you!**

## The Word

\*\*ILLUMINATION B321 v.1 *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* SONG 13  
***Holy Spirit, truth divine, Dawn upon this soul of mine;  
Word of God, and inward light, Wake my spirit, clear my sight.***

NT LESSON Ephesians 4: 1 - 16 *Pew Bible P.951*  
Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.  
People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

\*\*SCRIPTURE HYMN 754 *Help Us Accept Each Other* BARONITA

\*\*GOSPEL LESSON John 17: 20 – 23 *Pew Bible P.880*  
Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Glory to you, O Christ!**

\*\*CANTICLE 707 v. 1 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* HALL  
***Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;  
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;  
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;  
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.***

MESSAGE *Elements of Unity* PASTOR BRIAN

\*\*PULPIT HYMN 300 *We Are One in the Spirit* THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

\*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Christiine Sine – from Journey Into Wholeness*

Leader: God, today we believe that you dwell in all who confess Jesus as the Son of God.

People: **God, today we will open our ears to hear each one who confesses Jesus as the Son of God.**

Leader: God, we believe you invite us to accept each other as sisters and brothers,

People: **God, today we accept and embrace all who call themselves by your name.**

Leader: God, we believe you call us to love each other as we do ourselves,

People: **God, with all our hearts, we will strive to love our brothers and sisters from every denomination and group,**

Leader: God, we believe you ask us to use our gifts to serve each other in unity and understanding,

People: **God, may we, in a spirit of love and care, use our gifts to build each other up.**

Leader: God, we believe that in unity together we will come to a full knowledge of Christ,

People: **God, may we grow together into the knowledge of the one in whom all things fit together.**

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 717 *For the Life That You Have Given* PLEADING SAVIOR

***For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.***

\*\*THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, accept our offerings, and use us to bring life and health and hope to your world. Make us generous and faithful stewards of your mysteries, doing your will and proclaiming your word; through Christ we pray. Amen.**

## The Sending

\*\*HYMN 339 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* LIFT EVERY VOICE

\*\*THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*\*POSTLUDE *Minuet and Dance* ~ Gluck

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Next Week at Covenant: August 11 – 19<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

Message: *"God Provides"* with Sacrament of Holy Communion

After Worship – Sanctuary Snacks & Conversation

Mission Project of the Month: AUGUST – YMCA School Supplies

Bring school supplies to church by Aug. 11 or to the YMCA Welcome Desk

by Aug. 15. See the list of needs on the Sanctuary table or at the Narthex bulletin board. The list was also emailed to everyone on our email list.



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](mailto:covenantoffice@zoominternet.net)

Please pray for:

**Mary Lee Marten**, back in her apartment at New Haven & doing well

**Pam Patterson**, at Concordia Cabot

**ChrisAnn Goossen**, Presbytery employee, as her mother travels her final days

**The family of Rosemary Latella**, Elaine Nucci's godmother, as they mourn her passing from home in Utica, NY

**Dee Hall**, known to the Mathias', is battling cancer

**Concord Church Congregation**, as they begin the process of rebuilding

**18-year old Nicholas Iman**, in recovery from cancer surgery

**Mason Martin**, Karns City high football player, continuing with various therapies

We also pray for the church in every place; for leaders and people in every land, but especially in our country and for all who are called to lead us; for peace & justice throughout the world; for all those who hunger & thirst; for all those who are ailing & in need of healing; for those we have in our hearts today... **God of grace, hear our prayers.**

## Ephesians 4: 4 – 7

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A V T U M T E A N D B  
H G U O R H T F I G A  
B O D Y C A L L I N G

### Word List

EPHESIANS ACCORDING THROUGH MEASURE CALLING BAPTISM SPIRIT  
FATHER CHRIST CALLED THERE GRACE GIVEN FAITH ABOVE YOUR WERE  
NRSV LORD JUST HOPE GIFT EACH BODY WHO WAS ONE GOD BUT  
AND TO OF

*(Ephesians 4:4-7) There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, (5) one Lord, one faith, one baptism, (6) one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (7) But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. (NRSV)*