

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, June 28, 2026 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever.

People: **With my mouth I will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Pastor: Let us declare that God's steadfast love is established forever;

People: **God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

**OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 686

God Of Our Life

SANDON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who provides our every need, you have given us countless gifts. You have welcomed us for all of who we are. You have showered us with steadfast love. You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus. We do not deserve these gifts. We take them and squander them. We continue to trust ourselves more than we trust you. We fail to embrace others as you have embraced us.

Accept our confession. Be our glory and our strength for the days to come, our strength, shield, and deliverer.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

People: **We are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. 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: Through Christ, God was pleased to reconcile all things, by making peace through the blood of the cross. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 286 v.1 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

***Breathe on me, Breath of God; ; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.***

HT LESSON Genesis 22: 1 – 14 *Pew Bible P.15*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 13 Hymn 779 *How Long, O God, Will My Prayers Be in Vain?* LAND OF MERCY

NT LESSON Romans 6: 12 – 23 *Pew Bible P.917*

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

**GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 10: 40 – 42 *Pew Bible P.791*

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.***

MESSAGE *Dying Little Deaths that Give Life* PASTOR JOHN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1

Liturgist: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

People: **That I belong--body and soul, in life and in death--not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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 606

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you have provided for us in ways we cannot even imagine. As we return to you a portion of your many gifts, we give you thanks and praise. Bless these offerings, and multiply them into blessings for your people in this place and around the world. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who offered his very life, we pray. Amen.

The Sending

**HYMN 343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE

Wait! Don't Go Yet! Join us for food & conversation in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to *The Terrific Trio* for hosting today!

Church Announcements

Lighthouse Item of the Month: **JULY** – Taking a Break – No Collection

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.

Celebration: July 4 Ann Morrison's Birthday



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

Scott, Linda Peter's neighbor, battling cancer;

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.