

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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Hands, Hearts, and Heads Story-quilt, by Beth Mount, circa 2012✠

22nd Ordinary Sunday September 1, 2024

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

TV Director: Rev. Bob Mathias

Worship Leader: Ann Morrison

TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.

Music Director: Dominico Reyes

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God teaches us the way of righteousness,

People: **the way of love, the way of peace.**

Pastor: We glorify God,

People: **gathering to hear God's word.**

Pastor: We glorify God,

People: **enacting God's word in the world.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

**OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION ✠

You tell us, O Lord, who may abide in your presence, who may dwell on your holy hill: those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and who speak the truth from their heart. And yet, O Lord, we do not walk blamelessly. So often we stumble on the path of faith. The truth makes us nervous, and we pretend not to know what is right.

Blessed Father of Lights, have mercy, on us! Reveal to us your wisdom,

cleanse us by your grace, challenge us by your living and loving presence, and call us to live in newness of life, again. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: God speaks to us through the Holy Spirit implanting the word of hope, the word of grace and the assurance of forgiveness found only through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: **We listen and understand: every gift comes from God, especially the gifts of mercy and love – Alleluia, thanks be to God! 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: Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: **And also with you!**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION B321 v.4 *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* SONG 13
Holy Spirit, right divine, make my conscience wholly Thine; Be my law, and I shall be Firmly bound, forever free.

HT LESSON Song of Solomon 2: 8 - 13 *Pew Bible P.544*
Leader: This, is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 45 HYMN 333 *How Our Hearts with Joy Abound* GOTT SEI DANK DURCH ALLE WELT

NT LESSON James 1: 17 – 27 *Pew Bible P.980-981*
Leader: Here ends the reding of the Epistle.
People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON Mark 7: 1 – 23 *Pew Bible P.818-819*
Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Glory to you, O Christ!**

**CANTICLE 707 v.4 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* HALL
Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; through our surrendered souls our plans fulfill. We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.

MESSAGE *Hands, Hearts and Heads* PASTOR JOHN

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN SONG
HYMN 442 *Just As I Am, without One Plea* WOODWORTH

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

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives—giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. Amen.

The Sending

**HYMN 429 *As a Chalice Cast of Gold* INWARD LIGHT

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE

Wait, Don't Go Yet! Join us for snacks & conversation around the Sanctuary tables. Thanks to Don & Dorothy Walalce for providing for us today.

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✦ -- On the cover: Beth Mount, a New York City artist, educator, collaborator and activist is known for her story-quilt creations: "I don't follow traditional quilting patterns, I let the quilt designs and the stories emerge from what I am learning from people and from the materials that are available to me. This is a metaphor for person-centered work. We trust that a pattern will emerge from listening deeply to people and the places they might belong." Born and raised in Savannah, Georgia, Mount's method as a story quilt artist is to stitch together symbols and patterns of the longings, joys, struggles, and beauty of thousands of people who are learning how to bring the gifts of every person to life and to create a more inclusive community by doing so.

 -- Portions of the Confession and Assurance are adapted from the Rev. Thom Shuman at Lectionary Liturgies.

Next Week at Covenant: **September 8**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Choir rehearsals begin! If you would like to join in, please see Music Director Dominico Reyes.

Lighthouse Item of the Month: September – Condiments

From the Treasurer: July Financial Snapshot

Monthly Expenses	\$11,165
Monthly Income	\$7,921
Reserve Funds Used	\$3,245
17 – 2024 Pledges	\$52,000





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:

Pam Patterson, at Concordia Cabot.

3 Friends, known to Mark Boyce of Trinity PC, one for loss of a child, one for recovery after motorcycle accident, & one recovery from head trauma.

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

The Concord Church Congregation, as they begin the process of rebuilding.

Emily Deluga, daughter of frequent visitor Lynn Deluga, healing from a pacemaker adjustment.

Matt Loebell, for future direction and purpose.

Nicholas Iman, neighbor of the Rice's, recovering from cancer surgery.

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

We also prayer 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.**

Psalm 45: 6 - 9

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Word List

RIGHTEOUSNESS INSTRUMENTS WICKEDNESS COMPANIONS
THEREFORE DAUGHTERS STRINGED GLADNESS FRAGRANT
ANOINTED SCEPTER PALACES FOREVER ENDURES THRONE
STANDS PSALMS LADIES EQUITY CASSIA BEYOND ROYAL
ROBES QUEEN OPHIR MYRRH KINGS IVORY HONOR AMONG
ALOES YOUR WITH NRSV MAKE LOVE HATE HAND GOLD
FROM OIL HAS GOD ARE ALL