

## Covenant Presbyterian Church

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*Vineyard Workers, by Jeffrey Hill (n.d.), in the Walla Walla Valley, WA ☩*

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2023

Pastor: Rev. John C.R. Silbert

Worship Leader: Elder David Loebell

Music Director: Steven Yealy

Broadcast TV Producer: Brian F. Graff

## ~ Order of Worship ~

\*\* = Please stand, as able

### The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 105)

Pastor: O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

People: **Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Pastor: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: **Seek the LORD and his strength; seek God's presence continually.**

Pastor: Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles, and the judgments God uttered,

People: **Remember, O offspring of his servant, his chosen ones.**

\*\*OPENING PRAYER

\*\*HYMN 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION ☩

**It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (at least, for those who need it – but surely, not us).**

Forgive us, Presence of Peace. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.

People: **God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven; we have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*\*CONFESSION RESPONSE 581    *Glory Be to the Father*    GLORIA PATRI (Greateorex)**

***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: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you!**

**The Word**

**\*\*ILLUMINATION 175 v.2    *Seek Ye First*    SLAFFERTY**

***Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and the door shall be open unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!***

HT LESSON                      Exodus 16: 2 – 15                      *Pew Bible P.55*

Leader: This, is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

CANTED PSALM                      105: 1 – 6, 37 – 45                      TONE 4: SALVATION HISTORY



Tell out the deeds of the Lord; tell out the won-ders God has wrought

NT LESSON                      Philippians 1: 21 – 30                      *Pew Bible P.953-954*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

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

**\*\*GOSPEL LESSON                      Matthew 20: 1 – 16                      *Pew Bible P.801***

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord.

People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

**\*\*CANTICLE 735 v.2    *I Need Thee Every Hour*                      HALL**

***I need thee every hour, stay thou nearby; temptations lose their power when art nigh. I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee! O bless me now, my Savior – I come to thee!***

MESSAGE                      *Having Enough For One Day*                      PASTOR JOHN

SERMON RESPONSE 564                      *Amen*                      AMEN(Schubert)

***Amen, amen, a - - men. Amen, a - - men.***

**\*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN SONG                      HYMN 716**

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*                      BEACH SPRING

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 ANTHEM      *Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him ~ Zipp*  
                                 *Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!*  
                                 *Yea, I will laud Him until death.*  
                                 *With songs and anthems I’ll come before Him.*  
                                 *As long as He doth give me breath.*  
                                 *From Him my life and all things came;*  
*Bless, O my soul, His holy name. Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
                                 *Blessed, yea, blessed is he forever.*  
                                 *Whose help is in the Lord most high,*  
*Whom from the Saving faith naught can sever*  
                                 *And who in hope to Christ draws nigh.*  
                                 *To all who trust in Him, our Lord,*  
*Counsel and aid He doth afford. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

\*\*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. A-men.*

\*\*CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, our lives are renewed as we remember your goodness. You have made us in your image and placed in our hearts the memory of your love made flesh in Jesus Christ. That memory calls us to give and to embrace your world as we offer these gifts. May our lives invested through these offerings create a new reality and extend your grace in remembrance of Jesus, in whose name we pray, Amen.

The Sending

MINUTE FOR MISSION      *Peace & Global Witness Offering*      DOROTHY WALLACE

\*\*HYMN HFG 56      *God Will Take Care of You*      GOD CARES

\*\*THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*\*POSTLUDE

✠ -- The cover artist, Jeffrey Hill, is a resident of Walla Walla, WA, a town known for wine production. He is known in the region as “the Vineyard Van Gogh.” You can read more about him here:  
<https://www.washingtontastingroom.com/taste/van-gogh-of-the-vineyard>  
-- The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon were written by the Rev. Thom M. Shuman at Lectionary Liturgies.  
-- The Prayer of Dedication is from Life in Liturgy, a production of the WVa Disciples of Christ.

**Offerings, Tithes, & Gifts:** (Other than the weekly offering plate)  
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**B) [www.covenantbutler.org](http://www.covenantbutler.org)** click green “Donate” Button at the top right  
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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:

**Safe travels for Brian Graff’s parents** on vacation in New Jersey **and Lauren Loebell** traveling home this weekend.

**The Family of Donna Biddle**, younger sister of Dorothy Wallace, who passed away recently in Nebraska;

**Mason Martin**, a football player at Karns City high who had brain surgery last week, **and his mother Stacy** is battling breast cancer;

**Sandy**, a friend of Linda Peterson, for healing of an arm and hip after a recent fall;

**Joseph**, cousin of Don Rasely, is in his last days;

**Bill Silbert**, brother of Pastor John, is now at home recovering from successful bypass surgery;

**Rosemary Quadrini & Family**, Elaine Nucci’s aunt in Texas, who are struggling with her recent diagnosis of aphasia;

**Dale Blewett**, brother of David Blewett continuing to heal from recent surgery;

**Audrey Carlson**, asks for prayers for the Christian churches and communities facing severe persecution in Northwest Pakistan.

**Gary Lokovich**, son of Virginia, dealing with multiple health issues;

**Pam Patterson**, in continuing care at Concordia in Cabot;

**The people of Marrakech, Morrocco, in the wake of devastating earthquakes;**

**The homeless and grief-stricken on the Island of Maui; for all those in the midst of wind, rain, or fire;**

**Those caught-up in the fog of war in Ukraine.**

Fellowship Hour: Thanks to Connie Swartzfeger for hosting today. For future dates, a host sign-up sheet is in the Narthex outside the office.

Helpers: The September Presbytery Meeting is this Tuesday (26<sup>th</sup>) at 4:00 PM and people are needed to help guide people around the Trinity campus as well as serve the catered meal.

Fall Festival: Sat. Sept. 30 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

We are accepting themed baskets for our raffle, and baked goods for our bake sale. Volunteers are needed to set-up, tear-down, and staff our booth. **Friday, Sept. 29 at 11:00 AM:** we will package baked goods for sale & collect the baskets for the raffle.

World Communion Sunday & Peacemaking Sunday: October 1 – We will observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion with special bread. The Peace & Global Witness Special Offering will also be collected this day.

Dedication of Refurbished Bells: Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 2:00 PM, Hill Presbyterian Church sanctuary. Hear Covenant’s “old” bells ring for the first time in decades!

Craft Vendor Sale: October 21 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM in the parking lot. \$10 a space to set-up – or – just come to look & buy! Sponsored by Trinity PC.

Trunk-or-Treat: October 28 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM in the parking lot. Decorate your trunk and hand out candy! A safe way for kids to trick-or-treat. Sponsored by Trinity PC.

Operation Christmas Child: Along with Trinty church, we are collecting items to fill shoeboxes. Please see the list in the Trinity narthex for items needed. On Nov 5 we will fill all the shoeboxes and have a joint worship service for All Souls/All Saints Day.

From the Treasurer: August Financial Snapshot

Total Budgeted Expenses	\$9,317
Total Budgeted Income minus Reserves	\$8,204
Taken from Reserve Funds to meet expenses	\$1,113