



covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 16, 2026 – 10am

Covenant is an accepting, welcoming community sharing the glory of God's love with all.

PRELUDE

"Let All Things Now Living" arr. Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God asks, "Why are you here?"

People: Because we need God like a deer needs water.

Leader: God asks, "Why are you here?"

People: Because we want to hear the story of what Jesus has done for us.

Leader: God asks, "Why are you here?"

People: Because we are heirs of God's promise. Praise be to God!

*Please rise in body or spirit

*HYMN #610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"



This text comes from an 18-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of God's grace

4 My gracious and my God
Assist me to proclaim
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name

2 The name of Jesus charms our fears
And bids our sorrows cease
Sings music in the sinner's ears
Bringing life and health and peace

5 To God all glory, praise and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above
the church in earth and heaven

3 Christ speaks and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice;
the poor in heart believe

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



Your word reminds us that we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves. But we make far too many distinctions, treating one person with more dignity and respect than another. We gladly welcome those who look and act like us, but give a much less enthusiastic welcome to the stranger. Forgive us for the moments when our faith has been empty, for the times that our works have not matched our words. Help us lean ever more towards your goodness and help our lives reflect that goodness in concrete ways. Amen.

(Silence for personal confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN #582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord, be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN #188

“Jesus Loves Me”

TALK WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 30: 1-5 (NRSVUE)

The wisdom of God for all people; the call of God to all who live.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 7:36-50 (NRSVUE)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of Light and Love, help us this day to worship you
with all of our hearts, minds, and bodies.
Shower us with the grace of your Spirit that we might
joyfully receive the message you have for us today. Amen.

SERMON

Damaged

Don Hilkerbaumer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven... (Hymnal p. 35. We say "debts & debtors.")



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING



OFFERTORY

"Just As I Am" arr. Courtney

*DOXOLOGY #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #805

"Come Sing to God"



In effect, the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 30 states the general truth that has been learned from the personal experience described in the last three stanzas. It is set to an 18th-century German tune brought into use with English hymnody in the 19th century.

1 Come sing to God, O living saints;
sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent;
God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night
with sighs of deepest pain,
yet joy comes with the morning sun,
a peace that is not vain.

4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance;
my sorrows you destroy.
In faithfulness you hear my cry
and fill my life with joy.
And so to you my heart shall sing;
my voice your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore.
My life shall sing your praise.

2 In my success I felt secure;
how good you've been to me.
I said that this is my own work,
ascribing all to me.
But when you turned aside your face,
my life was filled with fears.
I begged for help; to you I cried
with loud and bitter tears.

3 What good is gained by my disgrace,
what profit in defeat?
My grave cannot confess your name,
nor praise for you repeat.
Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry;
be merciful to me.
Accept my longing heart's request
and from death set me free.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Reprise "Come Sing to God"

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Assisting in Worship Today:

- Cathy Byrem – Liturgist
- Whitney Dodds – Vocalist
- Cherie Brooks – Director of Music
- Katie Wynkoop – Organist/Pianist & Assistant Director of Music
- Brian Biller– Media Production Specialist
- Erin Wise – Director of Children's & Youth Ministries
- Don & Janice Hilkerbaumer - Parish Associates

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Bible Study - Wednesday at 1:00pm in the Lounge. Join Bible Study with the QR code.

Centering Prayer- Thursday at 8:30am in the Lounge





**CHILDRENS
EDUCATION**
SUNDAY
9AM | ROOM 115

RETURNING SEPTEMBER 13TH

Children 3years - 6th Grade



**ADULT
FORUM**
SUNDAY
9AM | LOUNGE

RETURNING SEPTEMBER 20TH

9/20 & 9/27:
Hinduism with Seth Josephson, PhD, OSU
professor in comparative studies, Dept of Religion



**YOUTH
GROUP**
SUNDAY
11AM | EDU WING

RETURNING SEPTEMBER 20TH

Youth 7th- 12th grade



The shelves are looking a little bare!

Our SOS Food Pantry is in need of 'just about everything'. Donations of nonperishable food or monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

OUTDOOR SOUND BATH & LABYRINTH WALK

Just \$5 per session (cash or Venmo)

SATURDAYS 9/12, & 10/10, 9:30-10:30AM



Join Katy Oberle outside on the portico by the steps for a full-body mindful listening experience designed to promote relaxation, reduce stress, and enhance well-being. You're invited to bring a yoga mat, blanket, and/or pillow (chairs will be available if you'd like to sit instead), or you can choose to walk the labyrinth during the sound bath.



GREAT FOOD | GREAT PEOPLE | GREAT FUN!

WELCOME BACK COOKOUT

Join us for hot dogs, brats, chips, kids activities and MORE!



Please sign up to bring food and/or volunteer by scanning the QR code, following the link, or completing a paper form available at the welcome table or reception desk.

<https://bit.ly/26WelcomeBack>