



covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



August 9, 2026 – 10am

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

PRELUDE

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" arr. Sorenson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come today to be thankful

People: to celebrate God's goodness.

Leader: We come today to be still

People: to listen to God's Word.

Leader: We come today to be filled

People: with God's Spirit of love.

Leader: We come today to be kind

People: and share that love with others.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Please rise in body or spirit

*HYMN #41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"



Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

1 O worship the King,
all glorious above!
O gratefully sing
God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor
and girded with praise.

2 O tell of God's might;
O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form;
and bright is God's path
on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power
has founded of old;
established it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast,
like a mantle, the sea

4 Your bountiful care
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air;
it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills;
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills
in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust,
and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust,
nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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"

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



THE FIRST READING

Romans 10:5-15

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

Thanks be to God.



SPECIAL MUSIC

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” arr. Raney

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSVUE)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you are our faithful lover,
our generous parent,
our patient teacher ,
our constant friend.
We live by the hope of your promises,
seek to follow your way,
and rely on the gift of your Spirit,
in whose power we breathe, and move, and pray. Amen.

SERMON

Distractions: Now Just the Waves

David Bubb

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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





OFFERTORY

"This Gift" by Glen Hansard

*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 #757

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.



1 Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

2 God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud;
we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

3 Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

4 May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Reprise “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

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Assisting in Worship Today:

- Dana Rudmose – Liturgist
- Ashley Woodard – Vocalist
- Linda Gabel, Laura Hooks, Jude McLean, Lynn Turney, Nan Davidson, Crystal King
- Amy Kendall - Pianist, Handbell Ensemble
- Nan Davidson – Director of Handbell Ensemble
- 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
- Kathi Bubb – Sabbatical Christian Educator
- Rev. David Bubb – Sabbatical Pastor

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





**SOS
FOOD
PANTRY**

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.



GREAT FOOD | GREAT PEOPLE | GREAT FUN!

WELCOME BACK COOKOUT

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

Please sign up at the link below to bring food &/or volunteer. Paper forms are available on the welcome table or reception desk!

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



**COLUMBUS
CITY SCHOOLS**

COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Mid Ohio Workers Association is collecting supplies, non-perishable lunch food, and new & like-new clothes for students K-12 in Columbus City Schools. Find a list of suggested supplies on the welcome table next to the labeled box to collect donations!

Drop off items by 8/13.

Contact Karen Hjelm with questions

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.