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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2, 2026 – 10am

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

PRELUDE

"He Leadeth Me" arr. Heather Sorenson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to the water, all you who thirst—

People: Come drink deeply from the river of life.

Leader: Come to the water, all you who are weary—

People: Come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.

Leader: Come to the water, all you who long for a justice—

People: Come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.

Leader: For God is here among us, washing away the dust and grime of our lives, and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.

People: Let's worship God together.

*Please rise in body or spirit



Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



Lord of mercy and hope, we come before you knowing that we have fallen short of being the kind of disciples that you have called us to be. We have turned our backs on people in need; we have closed our ears to the cries of the voiceless. And so we hesitate to come before you because we believe that you are disappointed in us. Remind us again that you are merciful and your love transforms and changes our lives. When we falter and slide off the path of hope you place before us, you pick us up and dust us off and put us again on the trail. Forgive us our weakness. Strengthen us and give us courage; help us to be bearers of your good news of peace. We pray this in Christ's name. 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.**

TALK WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5 (NRSVUE)

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

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 14:13-21 (NRSVUE)

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

SERMON

You Give Them Something to Eat

Kathi Bubbs

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING



OFFERTORY

"Come Home" by Craig 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**



THE LORD'S SUPPER

At Covenant, we believe the Lord's Supper is for everyone. From newborns to our most mature, all are welcome at this table. The Presbyterian Church teaches, "The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding" (Book of Order, W-3.049).

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" arr. Heather Sorenson

*HYMN #536

"Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen"



The second line of the first stanza shows that this hymn is meant for use in the context of the Lord's Supper, but the last stanza further clarifies its special purpose as a sending hymn celebrating the values guiding the work of the church in the world: service, courage, mercy.

1 Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,
from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love envision
whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia:
God, the wonder of our days.

2 Rise, transformed, and choose to follow
after Christ, though wounded, whole;
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed
to release and to console.
Alleluia, alleluia:
Christ, our present, past, and goal.

3 Rise, remember well the future
God has called us to receive;
present by God's loving nurture,
Spirited then let us live.
Alleluia, alleluia:
Spirit, grace by whom we live.

4 Service be our sure vocation;
courage be our daily breath;
mercy be our destination
from this day and unto death.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Rise, O church, a living faith.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"He Keeps Me Singing" arr. Bill Wolaver

The Liturgy is from Christine Longhurst of re: Worship and Presbyterian Outlook

Assisting in Worship Today:

- Linda Gabel – Liturgist
- Jim Eder – Vocalist
- Cherie Brooks – Director of Music & Pianist
- 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



FINAL Brunch & Learn after service Today!

Being Presbyterian in Dysvangelical America:

A Guide to Reclaiming the Good News of Grace

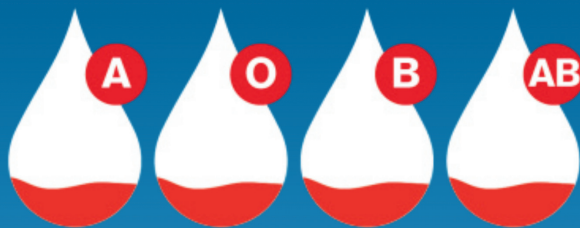
by

Ted V. Foote Jr. and P. Alex Thornburg

A Light lunch will be served



EMERGENCY Blood Shortage



NEXT BLOOD DRIVE:
Monday, August 3, 2026

12 - 6 pm

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT:

Call 1-800-733-2767 or

Visit RedCrossBlood.org

and enter sponsor code:

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OUTDOOR SOUND BATH & LABYRINTH WALK

Just \$5 per session (cash or Venmo)

SATURDAYS 8/8, 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.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

AUGUST 9TH
9 & 10 AM SERVICES

Students of all ages, teachers & everyone in education are invited to kick off the school year with a special blessing. Bring your backpack, school bag, or just bring yourself to receive a blessing at either service on August 9th.

