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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



July 26, 2026 – 10am

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

PRELUDE

"Heart of Hearts" by Mark Heard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Way for you."

People: And so we come to follow Christ.

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Truth for you."

People: And so we come to dwell in the light.

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Life for you."

People: And so we come, leaving behind all else to which we cling.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Please rise in body or spirit



The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Expansive Love, you see all and care for all. We are amazed that your grace is inclusive and free. Forgive us when our primary focus is on the rich and powerful, the beautiful and successful. Forgive our reluctance to love unconditionally and to truly see the poor, the lonely, the hopeless, the sick, the imprisoned and the persecuted. Open our eyes to see you and to see as you see. Reframe our focus to notice the neglected and those in need. May your compassion flow through us. May your grace to us define our way of treating others. Gracious Lord, hear our prayers and guide our actions. Amen

(Silence for personal confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Friends hear the Good News: God sees us as we are, loves us unconditionally, forgives us and continues to lead us into life eternal.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the good news of God's love: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole.

Thanks be to God!

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 CHILDREN

Kathi Bubbb

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



THE FIRST READING

Romans 12:1-13(NRSVUE)

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



THE SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-29 (NRSVUE)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

"You Say" by Lauren Daigle

*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 #305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.



1 Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!

3 Let courage be our friend;
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified! (Refrain)

Refrain:
In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!

4 Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er
the ages long! (Refrain)

2 Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision,
dream the dream! (Refrain)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Togetherness” by Horace Silver

Call to worship and prayer of confession modified from from a liturgy written/complied by John McClain. The rest of the liturgy from Liturgy That Matters.

Assisting in Worship Today:

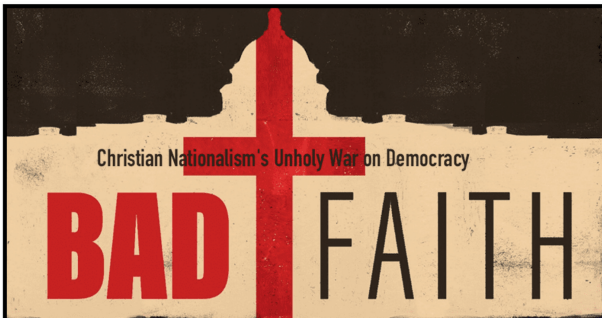
- Pete Lupiba – Liturgist
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- Cherie Brooks – Director of Music
- Dave Powers – Pianist
- Brian Biller– Media Production Specialist
- Kathi Bubb – Sabbatical Christian Educator
- Rev. David Bubb – Sabbatical Pastor

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



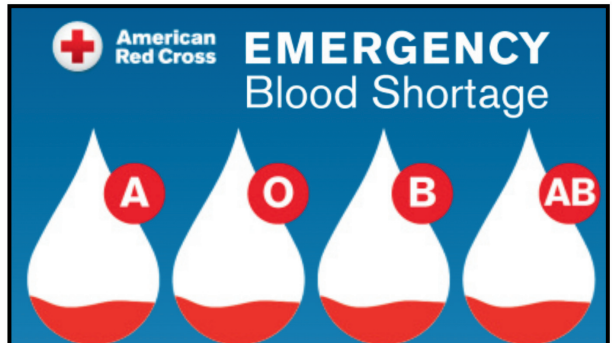


Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy

BAD FAITH

The documentary "Bad Faith 2026: Christian Nationalism in Power" will be shown on Wednesday, **July 29, 2026**, at **6:30 p.m.** at Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 4131 N High Street in Columbus, followed by a conversation sponsored by the Matthew 25 Team.

Sign up here:
<https://psvonline.org/event/bad-faith-2026-christian-nationalism-in-power/>.



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