



covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



June 14, 2026 – 10am

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

PRELUDE

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. F López

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Tender God—though your heart breaks,

People: you do not lose hope.

Leader: Angry God—the degradation of people, creatures, and places makes you rage,

People: but you do not say all is lost.

Leader: You invite us to your work of way-making—
We are called to:

**People: Practice generosity,
Cultivate abundance,
Engage in healing**

Leader: Let us worship God through our stubborn resilience and joy.

*Please rise in body or spirit



This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

1 Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning,
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation;
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, without your grace
we are like sheep without a shepherd.
Sometimes we are harassed by sin
and feel helpless against its power.
Sometimes, in our sin, we use our own power
to harass the helpless.
We are wolves in sheep's clothing,
innocent as serpents and wise as doves.
Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us home.
Restore us to your flock and fold, we pray;
through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN #447

"We are Forgiven"

We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.



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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



THE FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-15 (NRSVUE)



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

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:35-10:23 (NRSVUE)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Tender shepherd
to the helpless and lost;
we praise you
for sharing your power
with a motley band
of stumbling friends:
may we who have received without payment
give without charge
and so bring your kingdom near;
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. Amen.



SERMON

Laughing With God

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

Grace arr. Mark Hayes

*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 #700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”



This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“I've Just Come from the Fountain” arr. J Krug

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Assisting in Worship Today:

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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



LABYRINTH CHALLENGE

Wondering how to use our labyrinth? The Truth: there is no right or wrong way! Try our monthly challenges and know that each journey into the labyrinth is different. This labyrinth is a gift to the people of Covenant. Let us use it to quiet our minds and grow closer to our God.

For June: As you begin, bring to mind a concern - carry that with you as you slowly walk the circuits. When you reach the center, stop for a moment & leave that concern with God. You can stay in the center as long as you want.

Then slowly follow the path that leads you back to your life.

Ask yourself: What did you release? What did you receive? You may wish to leave a note in the little library at the entrance or journal when you get home.



SUMMER SOLSTICE WALK

6.21 | 7pm

Celebrate the longest day of the year with our Spiritual Development & Adult Learning Commission!

Learn about the labyrinth tradition in pre-modern Christianity. Experience a contemplative labyrinth walk and share snacks and drinks!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Seeking recommendations for members to serve as Elders and Deacons beginning in 2027. Please prayerfully consider nominating someone — or yourself — for these leadership roles.

Submit by scanning the QR code at bit.ly/CPCNom or by paper form available in the Narthex or Church Office.



Deadline:
June 14, 2026.



VBS

JUNE 15-18, 9-11:30AM

VOLUNTEER
 RISING 6TH GRADE & ABOVE
<https://bit.ly/CPC26VBSVOL>

Optional Date:
Tear down
Thursday June 18
11:30am



SOUND BATH

SATURDAY 7/11 9:30am

Join Katy Oberle in the courtyard for a one-hour sound bath experience

You're encouraged to bring a yoga mat, blanket, pillow, or any other aides of comfort to enhance your sound bath experience.

Chairs will be available if you'd like to sit instead of lie down.