



covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



June 21, 2026 – 10am

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

PRELUDE

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” arr. Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Troubled prophets and struggling families,
you listen to our voices, whoever we are.

People: There is no one like you, God of the listening heart.

Leader: Those who live in fear, and those who look for signs,
you fill us with hope and surprises.

People: There is no one like you, God of steadfast love.

Leader: Seekers of power, as well as those who serve the vulnerable,
you challenge us to use our gifts for others.

People: There is no one like you, God of all people.

*Please rise in body or spirit



Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

(Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In baptism, we are promised new life, God of grace, yet we continue to focus on those old ways which are so comfortable and seductive. We are so good at fooling others that we are convinced we can trick you as well. We have been called to walk with you, and run down those paths paved with foolishness and fears.

Forgive us, God of steadfast love. You have claimed our lives in baptism, so we might be set free from sin and be raised to new life. Just as you save us, so give us the strength to be willing to take up whatever task you give us, and the faith to be willing to lose our lives for others, so we might find life forever with you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: This is the good news: God hears our prayers, our cries, our hearts. And, in Christ, we receive new life. We are free, free to walk in the Light of the Lord.

People: So, this is what we will do. We will open our hearts to God's grace; we will live as people who have died to sin and who live for Christ. Amen.

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.**

TALK WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



THE FIRST READING

Genesis 21:8-21 (NRSVUE)



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

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:24-39 (NRSVUE)

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

SERMON

I Can Do All Things

Kathi Bubbs

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

“How Great Thou Art “ arr. Forrest

***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 #307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”



This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: As you leave this place, remember that you may be the only grace someone will meet this week.

People: We go, to share God's graciousness with all.

Leader: Remember you may be the only love someone will encounter this week.

People: We go, to be the love of Jesus for all.

Leader: Remember you may be the only peace someone will find this week.

People We go, to share the Spirit of hope and reconciliation with all.

POSTLUDE

Reprise of “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Most liturgy is from “Lectionary Liturgies” by Rev Thom Shuman

Assisting in Worship Today:

Sally Lupiba– Liturgist

Jim Eder– Vocalist

Cherie Brooks – Director of Music

Katie Wynkoop – Organist/Pianist & Assistant Director of Music

Jesse Charles – 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



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.



June 20 | 10:30 am
Walking in the
Columbus Pride March
June 28 | 1-5 pm
UA Pride event

We invite you to join us in attending these area pride events!

Please contact the office to be added to the list of interested folx or to the carpool list.



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!



UCelli camp is happening June 22-26.

Feel free to stop by the Sanctuary
6/26 5-6:30
for the final concert.

You'll hear 6 different cello quartets, two small cello choirs of 12 cellists each, and then 30 cellists performing together to close the program!



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.