

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 4, 2026 – 10am

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



PRELUDE

“Let Us Break Bread Together” arr. Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: If you are hungry,

People: there is room at God's table.

Leader: If you are weary,

People: there is a seat saved for you.

Leader: If you dream of belonging,

then we will practice belonging here.

From north, south, east, and west, God invites us home.

People: Let us worship our nourishing God.

*Please rise in body or spirit

*HYMN #530

"One Bread, One Body"



This Lord's Supper text is based on various Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:16–17, Galatians 3:28, and 1 Corinthians 12:1–31) as well as imagery from the Didache, a significant Christian document from the early 2nd century, about scattered grain united in the eucharistic bread.

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.
(Refrain)

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.
(Refrain)

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.
(Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



Creator God,

**We hear your invitation to love our neighbors as ourselves,
to live like we belong to one another.**

And yet, what is out of sight is often out of mind.

Forgive us for training our hearts to focus only on what is in front of us.

Forgive us for ignoring the tie that binds us to all of creation.

**Forgive us for assuming that you being with us
means you can't be with others too.**

Our gaze has been too narrow.

Open our hearts.

Expand our understanding.

Help us to celebrate the many places you are present in this world.

Remind us of the ties that bind us to all of creation.

With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

(Silence for personal confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, I don't know what this past week has looked like for you, but I do know this: there is a seat at God's table saved for you.

And that is the case

even if you overlooked your neighbor,

even if you doubted God's love for you,

even if you chose scarcity over abundance, or fear over joy.

God has a seat saved for you.

Trusting this good news, join me in the words of forgiveness:

We are known. We are loved. We are forgiven. We begin again.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

HYMN #447

“We Are Forgiven”



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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



THE SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:1-21 (NRSVUE)



Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Practice Resurrection: Walk in Love”

MINUTE FOR MISSION

The Stewardship Campagin

Jenny James

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING**



OFFERTORY

“One World, One Communion” by Pepper Choplin

***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

"Speak, O Lord" arr. Mary McDonald

***HYMN #853**

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe.

We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing . . .
We are praying . . .
We are singing . . .

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Reprise of "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

Assisting in Worship Today:

Owen Wise – Liturgist

Brian Gray – Vocalist

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

Rev. Joel A. Esala – 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



**CELEBRATE
CAROLINE**

**Tuesday. October 6
5:30 -7pm**

Celebrate Caroline McGeoch's
legacy at the Covenant Children's
Center.

You're invited to stop in to share
memories or stories and show your
appreciation at an open house
event in the Lounge.



**WALK
IN LOVE**

**Stewardship
Sunday
October 18th**

When we walk in love, we know the joy
of giving. Prayerfully consider how you
might support Covenant's ministry in
2027.

To complete a pledge form:

Digital Form:

<https://bit.ly/27DigitalPledge>

OR

Pledge Cards can be found in the
pews & around the church

Please return/complete your form on
or before October 18.



SEEKING DRIVERS

The SOS Food Pantry is looking to add additional drivers to the rotation!

Commitment is typically 1 time a month for approximately one hour.

Contact Mark Owen if you're interested.



Cap City Helping Hands (CCHH)

COAT DRIVE

During October we will be collecting new or gently used clean, coats, hats and mittens for school children ages 5 - 17.

Coats are distributed to schools throughout Columbus.

Coats can be deposited in the labeled box in the hallway.

Questions: contact Susan Imel, susanimell@gmail.com

CCHH is a ministry of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

OHIO
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OHIO UNIVERSITY SINGERS

With Grove City High School Choirs

Join the choirs in our sanctuary for an exciting evening of music!



OCTOBER 14 | 7PM



OUTDOOR SOUND BATH & LABYRINTH WALK

SATURDAY 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.



Just \$5 per session (cash or Venmo)



PODD BROTHERS

We are hosting the Podd Brothers for the weekend and bringing together some incredible talent for a concert on Sunday, November 15th at 3 pm.

We can't wait to share the newly commissioned hymn with you all ... if you can't wait till' 3 pm to hear it, it will premiere at the 10 am service that morning :)



**CAROLYN WINFREY
GILLETTE** October 25th

We're celebrating 70 years of women clergy in the Presbyterian Church with Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. We'll be singing a hymn we commissioned for the occasion; she'll be speaking about her process in forum, and she will lead worship.



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