



covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 20, 2026 – 10am

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

PRELUDE

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" arr. Rouse

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To offer radical acceptance,

People: to receive the warmth of welcome,

Leader: to devote ourselves to acts of ordinary care,

People: to rest for the sake of rest,

Leader: to unlearn the logic of violence,

People: to practice expansive compassion—

Leader: this is to meet the Holy,

People: this is to co-create the World to Come.

Leader: Let us worship God—

People: the Holy woven through our days.

*Please rise in body or spirit



Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
(Refrain)

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
(Refrain)

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
(Refrain)

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
(Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you uphold those who are falling
and raise up all who are bowed down.
Therefore we confess our sins—
both things we have done and
things we have left undone—
in every confidence that
you will open your hands to us
in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Amen.

(Silence for personal confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN #581

“Glory Be to the Father”

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.



PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord, be with you all. **And also with you.**

TALK WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



THE SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:1-21 (NRSVUE)

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



SERMON

"Practice Resurrection: Love Apocalypse"

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

"Your Love" 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**



***HYMN**

“O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”



1 O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward
to my glorious rest above.

2 O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore!
How He watcheth o'er His loved ones,
died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

3 O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of ev'ry love the best;
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'tis heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to Thee.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Reprise of “O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Beth Askue – Liturgist

Allie Garner – 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



3yrs-5th Grade

Join Katie Wynkoop in our children's choir, Joyful Noise! We will meet Sundays from 9-9:15 AM, **September 27th**-December 24th and February 21-April 18th. Joyful Noise will be singing in Worship on November 22nd, December 24th 5 pm and April 18th.

LABYRINTH WALK

SEPTEMBER 27

7:00pm

CELEBRATE THE
FALL SOLSTICE

What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice,

...to love kindness

and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

*Reconciling God's people at
the Table of Grace through
ministries of justice.*



WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING



Please give generously — for when
we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.



Collecting 10/4

ENDING
HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK



OCTOBER 4TH

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DONATE

OUTDOOR SOUND BATH & LABYRINTH WALK

Just \$5 per session (cash or Venmo)

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. 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.



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