



covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 27, 2026 – 10am

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

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace" arr. Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Love incarnate has come that we might have life, and have it, not stingily or wearily,

People: but spaciouly and full of delight.

Leader: She does not divide our needs into physical and spiritual,

People: God has come that we might be filled and does not divide our needs into physical and spiritual,

Leader: Where there is soulful living and holistic care,

People: The Spirit of Christ is among us.

Leader: Let us worship our generous God.

*Please rise in body or spirit



Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have called us to live lives
worthy of the calling
to which we have been called.
But we confess to you and each other
that we have not always spoken the truth in love;
we have not always made every effort
to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Forgive us and, by your grace,
help us to grow in every way
into him who is our head, Jesus Christ. 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.**

HYMN #188

“Jesus Loves Me”

TALK WITH THE CHILDREN



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



SPECIAL MUSIC

“Tranquility” by Matthew Compton

Instead of applause, when this song is complete, take a moment of silence, allowing the music to resonate with your spirit.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:1-32 (NRSVUE)

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



SERMON

“Practice Resurrection: Growing Up”

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 Can I Keep From Singing” arr. Adam & Matt Podd

*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 #300**

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"



A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

1 We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2 We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
(Refrain)

3 We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
(Refrain)

4 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
(Refrain)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Reprise of "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Jim Buchanan – Liturgist

Matthew Phillips – Vocalist

Maalik Glover - Violin

Rudy Albach - Bass

Pei-An Chao - Cello

Cameron Leach - Percussion

River James, Cindy Veverka, Lynn Turney, Jude McLean, Laura Hooks, Jenny James,

Amy Kendall, Crystal King, Kent White, Robyn Hooks, Makoto Winkler, Linda Gabel,

Arthur Vazquez, and Morgan James - Campanile Bell Choir

Nan Davidson – Campanile Bell Choir Director

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

BEGINNING OCTOBER 3RD

**MEN'S STUDY
BREAKFAST**

1ST SATURDAY
9:00 AM | LOUNGE



Coffee and scrambled eggs are provided, but everyone is asked to bring something else to share. We view a short podcast by Biblical Scholars N. T. Wright and Mike Bird and then discuss it.



**YOUTH
CHOIR**

6th - 12th Grade

Meeting Sunday,
October 4th at 9am

Who: Covenant youth and Friends. No previous choral experience needed. Instrumentalists are encouraged to attend as well!

What: A new youth choir, with the goal of 3 performances during church services

When: Sunday mornings, 9am-9:20am in the choir room.

**ENDING
HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK**

OCTOBER 4TH

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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

**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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OCTOBER 14

7:00pm

Join The University Singers and
very special guests, Grove City
High School Choirs, for an
evening of music!



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