



April 21, 2024

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE

April 21, 2024

11:00am Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter/Stewardship Sunday

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship the Lord in holy splendor:

**Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The Lord is king."**

Let the sea roar and all that fills it;

Let the field exalt and everything in it.

Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord!

*HYMN 20

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

ROYAL OAK

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us.

We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.

We talk about love, but we fail to care for your creation.

Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us
by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show
our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live
and in whose name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 591	"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"	HALLE, HALLE
<i>Refrain:</i>	Halle, halle, hallelujah!	
	Halle, halle, hallelujah!	
	Halle, halle, hallelujah!	
	Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

I John 3: 16-24

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2: 42-47

PROCLAMATION

Rev. Dana Waters

*HYMN 803

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

RESIGNATION

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*
“...God of goodness and mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

OFFERING AND PRESENTING OUR PLEDGES

Praise Unfolding

Sandra Eithun

Litany adapted from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand

For many years we have had the mistaken notion

that all the problems of the world can be solved with a few dollar bills.

In Jesus' time the Pharisees came to ask him if they should pay taxes.

Jesus, looking at a silver coin, asked whose face and name were engraved on it.

"The Emperor's," they said.

"Well then, pay to the Emperor what is his," Jesus replied.

When the Pharisees heard this, they were astonished.

Has God's face ever been on a coin?

We are the coin that bears the living likeness of God.

Giving of ourselves with whatever that may include

is the only legal currency of the kingdom of heaven.

*Note: Worshippers are invited to place their pledge card in the offering plate today.
We are grateful for those who have previously turned in their pledges.*

*DOXOLOGY 607 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDREDTH
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CHORAL BLESSING *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter C. Lutkin

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 600

“Amen”

African American Traditional

A-men, A-men. A-men, a-men, a-men.

*POSTLUDE

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* denotes standing as able.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi

LITURGIST: Pam Knox

ADULT CHOIR

HANDBELL CHOIR under the direction of David Boardman

PRAISE BAND: Mary Barnett, voice; Quintina Carter-Enyi, Voice; Donny Whitehead, Sax;

Nderitu Kiragu, Guitar; Bill Rigsby, Bass; Abby Horvath, Drums