



*April 12, 2026
Covenant Presbyterian Church
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE

11:00am Worship

Second Sunday of Easter/Holy Communion

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

God Is

Cleveland
arr., Aaron Carter-Enyi

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in a world still full of locked doors: doors closed by fear, by grief, by uncertainty.

And yet – Christ comes and stands among us.

We gather with questions still unresolved, with stories unfinished, with faith still forming.

And yet – Christ speaks peace into our midst.

We come, like Thomas, longing for something real, something honest, something we can trust.

And yet – Christ meets us where we are, not at the end of the story, but in its unfolding.

Let us praise the Lord who meets us in the middle of things and calls us forward into life.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of resurrection and new life, you come to us even when the doors of our lives are closed. But we confess we often choose fear over courage, certainty over honesty, and easy answers over deeper truth. We want faith without questions, hope without struggle, and peace without transformation. We confess the ways we settle for secondhand faith – repeating what we have heard without wrestling with what is real. We confess the ways we turn away from the wounds of the world, and from our own. Forgive us, O God. Breathe your Spirit into us again. Meet us in our doubts, our questions, our longing. And lead us – not to easy answers – but into deeper life. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. [Silent prayers of confession]

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Responsive*)

Christ comes to us behind locked doors —

not to condemn, but to speak peace.

Christ meets us in our doubt —

not to shame, but to draw us closer.

Christ breathes new life into us —

again and again.

My friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE 591

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (*repeat*)

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p.1105) I Peter 1: 3-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p.991) John 20: 19-31

PROCLAMATION

The Story Goes Ever On

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

TRENTHAM

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

What do you bring to the Lord's Table?

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER including concerns and celebrations

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Server: The body of Christ was broken for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

Server: The blood of Christ was shed for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 697
(Verses 1,4,5,6)

"Take My Life"

HENDON

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 600

"Amen"
Amen, amen.
Amen, amen, amen.

AMEN

*POSTLUDE

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