

A vibrant, colorful graphic for the 'Summer Saints Series'. The word 'SUMMER' is in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, and 'Saints Series' is in a smaller, white, serif font below it. The text is set against a teal background. Surrounding the text are various summer-themed illustrations: a hot air balloon, a pineapple, a rainbow, a watermelon slice, a donut, a beach ball, and various tropical leaves and flowers.

SUMMER Saints Series

John Lewis

July 5, 2026

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

10:00am Worship

6th Sunday after Pentecost/Holy Communion

Summer Saints: John Lewis

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Salut d'Amour [Love's Greeting] Op. 12

Edward Elgar

*CALL TO WORSHIP

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to one hope.

**There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God who is above all and through all and in all.**

Christ calls us from isolation into community,
from indifference into compassion,
from silence into truth spoken in love.

**Christ gives grace to each of us
and gathers our many gifts for the healing of the world.**

So let us come with humility and courage,
with gratitude for what has been
and hope for what may yet become.

Let us praise the Lord who joins us together and builds us up in love!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 340

"This Is My Song"

FINLANDIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

God of every people and nation, you have created us for communion, calling us to live as one body and to seek the good of all your children. Yet we confess that we have settled for communities divided by race, wealth, ideology, and fear. We have celebrated freedom while ignoring those whose freedom remains threatened. We have remained quiet when truth needed a voice and passive when love required good trouble. Forgive us, gracious God. Free us from the desire to protect our comfort at the expense of another person's dignity. Teach us the gentleness that is disciplined strength, the patience that perseveres in the work of justice, and the courage to speak the truth in love. By your Spirit, join us again to Christ and to every member of his body, until all your children have a place, and the whole creation is built up in love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Silent prayers of confession]

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Responsive*)

The grace of Christ has been given to each of us, and no failure can place us beyond the reach of God's mercy.

God does not abandon the broken body, but gathers, heals, and joins us together again.

My friends, 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6: 6-8 (Pew Bible, pp. 850-851)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-16 (Pew Bible p. 1068)

PROCLAMATION

A Place at the Table

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 379

"We Shall Overcome"

WE SHALL OVERCOME

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING

First Arabesque

Claude Debussy

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 769

"For Everyone Born"

FOR EVERYONE BORN

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 600

"Amen"

AMEN

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

*POSTLUDE

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* denotes standing as able.

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