



June 08, 2025
Covenant Presbyterian Church
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: RED

10:00am Worship

Day of Pentecost
GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

And the Father Will Dance

Mark Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Here today is love, freely available to all.

Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent,
but God's unbounded love.

**May a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
break forth into joyous songs of praise!**

Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes,
deeper than the immensities of time and space –
God's all-inclusive love.

**Let the seas roar their praise, and everything in them;
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills sing their happiness!
Let us worship God!**

*HYMN 321

"The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a passion to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *(silent prayers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (responsive)

We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but we have received a spirit of adoption.

The Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

And if we are children of God, then we are also heirs –

**heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,
as we share with him in his Cross and his Resurrection.**

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 591

"Halle, Halle Hallelujah!"

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 98

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 1-21

PROCLAMATION

A Generous Orthodoxy

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 243

"Be Not Afraid"

TAIZE COMMUNITY

(Jim Anderson sings first, then congregation sings verse 2 x's)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve ... We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

Medley of Hakuna Munga Kama WeWe/Imela

Swahili/Igbo

***DOXOLOGY 609** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN 66**

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

PENTECOST

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN 600**

"Amen"

AMEN

Amen, Amen, Amen, amen, amen.

***POSTLUDE**

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* denotes standing as able.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi

LITURGIST: Lisa Buchanan

Jim Anderson, soloist

ADULT CHOIR

Winnie Mburu, voice; Donnie Lindsey, drums

PROCESSIONAL: Claire Bruner, Jacob Page, Morgan Kiel