



The Beatles

John, Paul, George, & Ringo

July 12, 2026
Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

10:00am Worship

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Summer Saints: *The Beatles*

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Here Comes the Sun

Lennon/McCartney

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Come, all who carry longing in the heart — for love, for belonging, for forgiveness, for a world made whole.

We come to worship the God whose love creates, sustains, and heals.

Come, all who have known love's joy, and all who have known its ache.

We come to Christ, in whom love takes flesh and enters the life of the world.

Come, all who are learning to see again —
the neighbor, the stranger, the wounded, the overlooked.

The Spirit teaches us the habits of love:

patience, kindness, truth, courage, and hope.

So let every song of longing be gathered into the Lord's praise!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 693

"Though I May Speak"

GIFT OF LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of patient and enduring love, we confess that we often use the word "love" more easily than we live its truth. We grow impatient with one another. We keep careful accounts of injury. We seek our own way and protect our own comfort. We speak truth without tenderness, or choose silence when love calls for courage. We turn away from those who are lonely, wounded, dismissed, or afraid, and we fail to listen for songs rising from places of pain. Forgive us, O God. Teach us the love we see in Jesus Christ: love that comes near, love that tells the truth, love that bears burdens, love that makes room, love that never stops seeking life. By your Spirit, form us again in the way of Christ, that our lives may become signs of your healing love for the world. We pray all these things in his name. [*Silent prayers of confession*]

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

God's love is patient with us, kind toward us, and steadfast beyond our deserving. **Christ meets us with mercy, raises us into new life, and sends us out to love as we have first been loved.**

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

*RESPONSE 591
(SINGING 2 X'S)

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 13: 31-35

(Pew Bible p. 984)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 13

(Pew Bible p. 1034)

PROCLAMATION

The Love We Need

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*SPECIAL MUSIC

(congregation joins in on chorus)

"All You Need Is Love"

Lennon/McCartney

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RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*) We believe in God, whose love brought creation into being, whose mercy holds every life, and whose purpose is the healing of the world. We believe in Jesus Christ, love made flesh, who touched the untouchable, welcomed the forgotten, fed the hungry, confronted injustice, bore the cross, and rose bearing peace. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who pours the love of God into our hearts, teaches us patience and kindness, gives us courage for truth, and binds us together in the body of Christ. We believe the church is called to be a dwelling place for this love: attentive to the wounded, generous with mercy, steadfast in hope, and committed to the dignity and freedom of every person. In life and in death, in joy and in sorrow, in what we see clearly and what we know only in part, we belong to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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

Blackbird

Lennon/McCartney

***DOXOLOGY 609** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Wren/Hopson
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 749

"Come! Live in the Light"

WE ARE CALLED

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING MUSIC

"All You Need Is Love"

Lennon/ McCartney

*POSTLUDE

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MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi PIANO: Pam Knox

*Denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby

VOICES: Mary Barnett, Lisa Buchanan, Winnie Mburu, Nderitu Kiragu

PRAISE BAND: Donny Whitehead, sax John Knox, keyboard Bill Rigsby, bass

Albert Rinaudo, guitar Karl Barnett, drums