



*July 20, 2025*  
*Covenant Presbyterian Church*  
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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

10:00am Worship

Summer Saints 5: William Henry Sheppard  
6th Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

*Think About His Love*

arr., C. Tornquist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*Jesus Loves Me*

arr., AdaLynn Kendrick

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Come, you who hunger for righteousness,  
and you who thirst for justice.

**We come to worship the One who calls us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with our God.**

Come, you who long for good news for the poor,  
release for the captives, sight for the blind.

**We come to worship the Spirit of the Lord, who brings freedom to the oppressed and hope to the weary.**

Come, you who dream of a better world,  
and you who labor for God's dream to be made manifest.

**We come to worship the Christ, who proclaims that today is the day of God's favor.**

Let us sing the Lord's praise with our whole lives!

**Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream!**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 756

"O God of Every Nation"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of justice and compassion, you have shown us what is good, but we confess that we have often ignored your call. We have made peace with the way things are, rather than seeking your way of love and freedom. We have silenced the cries of the oppressed and drowned out your call for mercy with our own comfort. Forgive us, O God. Disturb us again with your Spirit of truth. Renew our courage to speak, to act, to stand for those whom the world forgets. Make of us witnesses to your Kingdom where all your children are cherished, and where your dream of justice becomes reality. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. (*Silent prayers of confession*)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Responsive*)

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.  
God's love is wider than our failures and deeper than our fear.  
**In Christ, the chains of sin are broken,  
and we are set free to live in God's justice and joy.**  
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                      Amos 5 : 21-24 and Micah 6: 6-8

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING                      Luke 4: 14-21

PROCLAMATION                      *Truth, Justice and the Gospel Way*                      Rev. Tom Buchanan  
   (Summer Saints: William Henry Sheppard)

\*HYMN 757                      "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"                      KINGSFOLD

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON) *Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith*  
**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 *Wayfaring Stranger* arr., J. Innes

\*DOXOLOGY 607 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" HOPSON  
**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 DEDICATION

\*HYMN 724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 730 "I Sing a Song of the Saints" GRAND ISLE  
(verse 1) **I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.**

\*POSTLUDE *He Is Exalted* arr., M. Bober

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