



*June 22, 2025*  
*Covenant Presbyterian Church*  
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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

10:00am Worship

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost / Summer Saints 1: Harry Emerson Fosdick**

**GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*All Creatures of Our God & King*

arr., Philip Keveren

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
(responsive)

*Adapted from II Corinthians 3:6, 17; Galatians 5:1*

In Christ, we are messengers of a New Covenant,  
not of the letter, but of the Spirit,

**for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.**

Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

**For freedom Christ has set us free!**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Loving and merciful God, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love. We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom. We fail to see the signs of your Kingdom, because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North. We pray in the name of the one in whom we are all one, Jesus Christ our Lord. (*silent prayers of confession*)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**the old life has passed away; everything has become fresh and new!**

All this is from God, who has reconciled us through Christ,  
**and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.**

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 587

"Alleluia!"  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CELTIC ALLELUIA

**LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3: 23-28

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 23: 1-4, 13-15, 23-24

PROCLAMATION

"A Church as Wide as God's Mercy" Rev. Tom Buchanan

\*HYMN 435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

IN BIBILONE



**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**God creates and calls us; Jesus reconciles and redeems us; the Spirit energizes and empowers us for worship, love, and service. In response to God's love and forgiveness, we pledge to inspire each other to prayer, study, and stewardship, to cultivate an open, caring church where diverse gifts are discovered, respected, and employed; to minister faithfully to the poor, lonely, sick, and those in need; to reach out, sharing our faith, inviting and welcoming others into our fellowship; and to seek justice and healing in the church, community, and world.**

**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**

**\*DOXOLOGY 608      "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.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN 317      "In Christ There is No East or West"      MC KEE**

**\*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**

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\* denotes standing as able.  
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