



May 11, 2025

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE

11:00am Worship

MOTHER'S DAY / RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

4th Sunday of Easter

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*Ruth's Song (Where You Go I Will Follow)* Marty & Misha Goetz

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of gods, the Lord of lords!

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Who alone does great wonders,

Who stretched out the heavens and shaped the earth —

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Who made the sun to rule the day,

And the moon and stars to light the night —

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Come, let us worship the Creator of all,

The One whose mercy holds us fast,

**Whose love never lets us go.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of journey and rest, you call us into new places, but we confess that change unsettles us. Even when the path is good, we feel the weight of what we leave behind. We carry both gratitude and grief — for what has shaped us, and for what we cannot hold onto forever. We confess the fear that rises when the future is unclear. We want certainty, but you offer presence. We want answers, but you call for trust. Forgive us when we hesitate to take the next step. Forgive us when we forget that you go with us. In your mercy, hold the questions we carry. Bless the road beneath our feet. And give us courage for what lies ahead. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. (*silent prayers of confession*)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (responsive)

There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear.

**God's steadfast love for us never ceases.**

Rise up, then, in courage, peace, and hope.

**For we have been set free for Love and Life.**

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 136: 1-9,26

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1: 1-18

PROCLAMATION

*Little, but Fierce*

Rev. Tom Buchanan

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES: Delaney Braswell, George McMaster,  
Micah Shannon and Carrie Tweedell

\*HYMN 44

"Like a Mother Has Borne Us"

AUSTIN



**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We are not alone – we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**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 (324)**

*For All the Faithful Women*

NYLAND

**\*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 488**

**“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”**

WATERLIFE

**\*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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