



August 30, 2026
Covenant Presbyterian Church
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

14th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

I Am His Child

Moses Hogan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who have hurried through the week,
and you who have longed for a glimpse of something deeper.

The Holy One meets us in places ordinary and unexpected.

Come with your questions, your responsibilities,
your unfinished work and your restless hearts.

God calls us by name and draws us near.

Come, ready to wonder again,
ready to listen beneath the noise,
ready to receive the grace of God's presence.

**Let us turn aside from all that distracts us
and give our attention to the Holy One.**

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Holy and merciful God, you are present in a world alive with wonder, yet we move through our days without paying attention. We hurry past beauty, overlook our neighbors, and allow suffering to become part of the scenery. We confess that our hearts can grow numb before the pain of the world. We seek comfort without interruption and peace without responsibility. We hear the cries of others, yet sometimes protect ourselves by turning away. Forgive us, O God. Awaken us again. Open our eyes to your presence and our ears to the voices we have stopped hearing. Free us from fear, distraction, and indifference. By your Spirit, make us attentive to beauty, responsive to suffering, and ready to follow wherever your love calls. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(silent prayers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

The God who calls us knows us completely and meets us with steadfast mercy. **God does not abandon us in our failure, but forgives, restores, and calls us anew.**

Grace has come near! The Spirit is already at work making us new!

And so, 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 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GLORY TO GOD

1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end.

Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible pp. 544-546) Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45b

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible pp. 49-50) Exodus 3: 1-15

PROCLAMATION

Holy Ground

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 406

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"
(singing, music interlude, singing)

HOLY GROUND

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

We believe in the living God, Creator of heaven and earth, whose presence fills creation and whose mercy reaches into every wilderness. We trust in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who came among us full of grace and truth, who drew near to the forgotten and wounded, who gave himself in love, and whom God raised from death into life. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes, awakens compassion, gives courage to the fearful, and calls the church into the life and work of Christ. We belong to God, and wherever love sends us, we trust the promise of the Holy One: "I will be with you." 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

Holy Ground

arr. Tornquist

***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 69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

HERE I AM

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

***SENDING HYMN 853 "We are Marching in the Light of God" SIYAHAMBA**
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, we are marching,
oh, we are marching in the light of God.

*POSTLUDE

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