



May 25, 2025
Covenant Presbyterian Church
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE

11:00am Worship

**6th Sunday of Easter
GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

May God be gracious to us and bless us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let us worship God!

***HYMN 238**

"Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change us and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant, given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. *(silent prayers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (responsive)

All of us, like sheep, have gone astray,
but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!
Amen.**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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| *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

Acts 16: 9-15

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 14: 23-29

PROCLAMATION

Let Not Your Heart Be Afraid

Rev. Ron Gilreath

*HYMN 246

"Christ Is Alive!"

TRURO

***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

***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 738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN 600 "Amen" AMEN**
Amen, Amen,
Amen, amen, amen.

***POSTLUDE**

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* denotes standing as able.
LITURGIST: Sandy Whitney

Please note that beginning Sunday, June 1 Worship will begin at 10:00am.