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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN 11:00am Worship

24th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* M. L. Lightfoot

*CALL TO WORSHIP
The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?
Though the world is troubled and the future uncertain, the steadfast love of God remains.
We come to seek God's presence, to behold God's beauty, and to find courage for the days ahead.
In Jesus Christ, the light of a new creation has begun to shine, and we have been called to live in its promise.
We are children of light, companions in faith, and witnesses to the hope of God's coming day.
Come, let us praise the Lord who strengthens us in love and gathers us together in hope!
Let us worship God!

*HYMN 12 "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)* **God of everlasting light, you have called us to live as people of faith, love, and hope. Yet we confess how easily fear narrows our vision and discouragement weakens our resolve. We have grown accustomed to injustices that ought to trouble us. We have sometimes mistaken anger for courage and allowed our convictions to harden into contempt. We have failed to stand beside those who suffer, and have neglected the patient, demanding work of compassion. Forgive us, gracious God. Renew our trust in your promises and strengthen our willingness to love. Give us courage to confront what is wrong without losing sight of the humanity of others. Teach us to encourage one another, to bear one another's burdens, and to live as children of the coming day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. (***Silent payers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*
God has purposed us for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died and rose again so that we might live with him.
God's mercy is greater than our failures, and God's faithfulness is stronger than our fears.
In Christ, we are forgiven and renewed, strengthened by the Spirit to walk in love and hope. 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

*RESPONSE 581 "Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 493) Psalm 27: 1—6

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 1079) I Thessalonians 5: 1—11

PROCLAMATION Children of the Coming Day Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of God" HOUSTON

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Unison)* **We believe in God, the Creator of heaven and earth, whose steadfast love sustains all creation and whose promises endure through every generation. We believe in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, in whom the light of God's new creation has begun to shine. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us in faith, binds us together in love, and gives us hope for the coming reign of God. We believe that the church is called to be a community of grace, a fellowship of mutual encouragement, and a living witness to God's justice and peace. In life and in death, we belong to God, and by God's grace, we belong to one another in Christ. 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

*DOXOLOGY 710 "We Are an Offering" OFFERING
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 744 "Arise, Your Light Is Come" FESTAL SONG

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" AMAZING GRACE
(Verse 5) **When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise then when we'd first begun.**

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