

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 28, 2026

5th Sunday After Pentecost/Proper 8

10:00 am

(*) *You're invited to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance arr. Jennifer Eklund

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

Rev. Caitlin Culp

***WELCOME SONG**

I've Got the Joy

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from More Light Presbyterians

One: In the beginning, God breathed life into our lungs:

All: Not for silence, but for courage. Not for passivity, but for radical witness.

One: God's Spirit dwells within us, in our bodies, in our voices, in every choice we make.

All: We are not powerless. We are called. We are sent.

One: So come, bringing your whole selves: your grief and your fire, your questions and your vision.

All: For Christ has already come among us, and still calls us forward. Love does not wait.

One: So we will move, we will follow, we will become.

All: Let us worship the God who calls us into life, into action, into love.

***OPENING HYMN #301**

Let Us Build a House

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

God of welcome, from generation to generation, you have heard your children humbly seeking forgiveness. Forgive us when frustration and overwhelm keep us from following you. Forgive us when we fail to seek forgiveness from our coworkers, neighbors, and enemies. Hear the concerns of our hearts, examine our motives, and forgive our faults. Help us to welcome all persons as you have welcomed us, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose again that we might learn your love...*silent prayer.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE #582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

One: May the love and peace of Christ be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Joan McDermott

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Joan McDermott

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kent Hamaker

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10:40-42

Caitlin Culp

SERMON

Caitlin Culp

***HYMN #767**

Together We Serve

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*)

[adapted from the Iona Community]

We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all people everywhere. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of compassion, he died forsaken; he descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb; he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present; and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer requests are listed in the bulletin. You're invited to share prayer requests aloud.

EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #607**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #462**

I Love to Tell the Story

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Down By the Riverside arr. Amanda Tero

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. The Usher is Susan Tarr. The liturgist is Joan McDermott. Coffee Hour is hosted by Joan McDermott. The worship service is recorded and available on YouTube and the church's website.

Large print hymn books, individual seat cushions, and children's activity packets are available from the usher at the entrance. Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for all parts of the worship service. There is also childcare available in the room off the front of the sanctuary.

Bathrooms are located outside of the sanctuary to the right, through the narthex, and up the small set of stairs in the foyer. A diaper changing station is in the "Teen Lounge," which is past the bathrooms, through the double doors, on the left past the library. An ADA-accessible bathroom is located in the fellowship hall. To access the fellowship hall, drive around to the parking lot and enter through the double doors.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT - PC(U.S.A.)
Rev. Caitlin Culp, **Pastor**
Kent Hamaker, **Director of Christian Formation and Outreach**
Melissa McMahan, **Music Director**

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PRAYER LIST

Almighty God, we pray for our world and our church, calling by name:

Rev. Jean

Debbie

Darla

Thanksgiving for **Gathoni's** visit.

Lola

Our country's leaders.

Those impacted by health crises.

Peace in the Middle East; for cessation of hostilities between Israel, Iran, & USA.

Othow and his ministry in South Sudan, and for his friend, **Ambassador Odola.**

**If you have prayer requests you'd like added to this list, email covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com.
Prayers remain on this list for two weeks unless we hear otherwise.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Weekly Devotional Gathering -**
Thursdays, 12pm, Zoom
- **Summer Book Study @ 10am via**
Zoom - Tuesdays on July 21st, July
28th, August 11th, August 18th at
10am via Zoom (chat w/Kent if you
have questions)
- **Summer worship at 10am through**
Rally Day, Sunday, September 13th.
- To receive church emails, email
covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com
- **Rev. Culp is on family vacation**
from June 28th-July 6th. Call
937-570-8218 with emergency
pastoral care needs.
- **Kent is on vacation from July**
2nd-July 7th.

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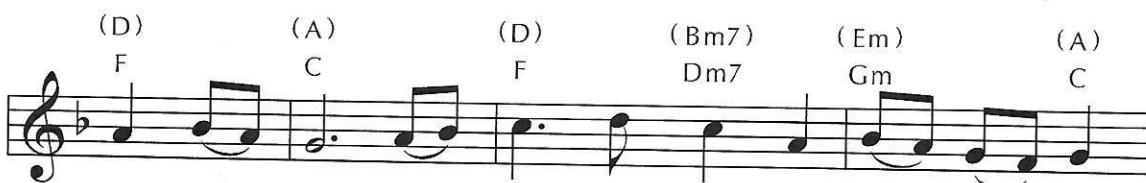
Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

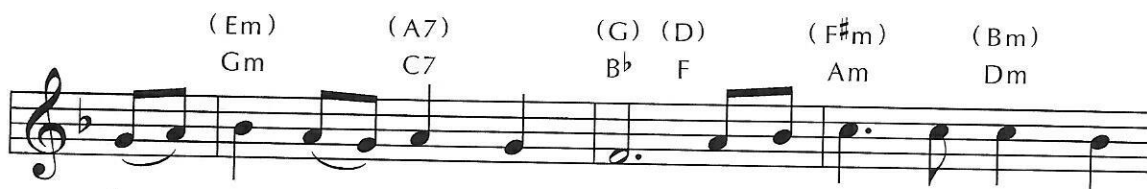
Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



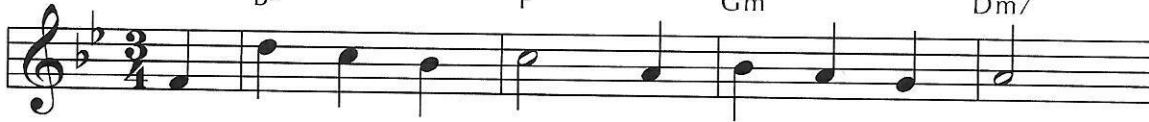
vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B^b F Gm Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b B^b Cm7 Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
 B^b F E^b Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 B^b E^b B^b Cm F7 B^b



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

462 I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.