

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.)
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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.**