

BLESSING OF THE BREAD & CUP

Rev. Culp will break and bless the bread and the cup. You're invited to pass the bread around your table and serve it to each other saying "the bread of life broken for you" or "Christ's body broken for you." Then Rev. Culp will serve the cup to each person via intinction. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of partaking in the bread and cup, cross your arms over your chest to indicate the desire for a blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

HYMN #53

O God Who Gives Us Life

RECOGNITION OF TESSA BAJ

Kent Hamaker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caitlin Culp

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Joy Down in My Heart arr. c.e. Walz

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us at Church of the Covenant. Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for all parts of the worship service. Bathrooms are located on both ends of the Fellowship Hall. The ADA-accessible bathroom and diaper changing station are located in the bathroom closest to the parking lot.

Let's be gracious hosts! Please help us return items to where they belong in preparation for the EIPC congregation.

Covenant Office Hours: Tues.-Thurs., 10:00am-3:00pm.

To reach Rev. Caitlin, email covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com or reach out to her at 937-570-8218. Caitlin looks forward to getting to know you and supporting you through times of joy and struggle.

Welcome to Worship



CHURCH OF THE COVENANT PCUSA

We're glad you could come!

September 14, 2025

THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
"The neighborhood church with a big mission"

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 14, 2025 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost 11:00 am

GATHERING

PRELUDE *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Christina Mathis

GREETING & MOMENT OF PREPARATION Rev. Caitlin Culp

THE TABLE PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Lord, we greet you this morning, grateful that you have been at work in our world from the beginning. You made all things and called them good. You claimed your people Israel, freed them from the bondage of Egypt, and journeyed with them through the wilderness to the promised land. When they strayed and sinned, you sent prophets to call your people back to you. Then in the fullness of time you sent Jesus. We gather around your table to celebrate covenant life that comes to us through our Lord and Savior. We remember so many stories shared around tables; tables where the bread is broken and the cup is poured out, tables where families gather and generations share, tables where stories are retold and refined. Gathered here, around your table this morning, we remember the story of the holy daring to share human life, the story of God putting on flesh and dwelling among us, a story that's both heavenly and earthly. We break the bread and remember the paradox that in our brokenness we become whole. We fill this cup and remember the abundance discovered in each new sharing of our sacred stories. And we pray:

All: Come, Holy Spirit. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that we may live into covenant with you, loving God, and with all of creation. Enable us to recognize the Spirit rising in our midst. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Caitlin Culp

SCRIPTURE Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

GODLY PLAY STORY *The Ark and the Flood* Kent Hamaker

HYMN #22 *God of the Sparrow*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Caitlin Culp

You're invited to share joys and concerns aloud.

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.

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY & ANTHEM
For the Beauty of the Earth/This Is My Father's World arr. Michael Ware

DOXOLOGY #606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

PRAYER LIST

Almighty God, we pray for our world and our church.

Lea Stec is in room 518 at Cherrydale Rehab.

Gloria Hurdle's sister, Judy, in her ongoing struggle with stage 4 cancer; **Gloria's brother, Glenn**, who's receiving treatment for prostate cancer.

Susan Tarr's sister, **Sally**, who is suffering pain with Parkinson's.

Barbara Washburn and the family of her cousin, **Bill Craine**, who passed away in August.

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Brian Kelleher, son-in-law of **Mary Margaret Whipple** and **husband of Margie**, who is recovering from partially-successful heart surgery and will be undergoing a second surgery.

Othow Okoti and his ministry in South Sudan.

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