

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER (Responsive)

Leader: May the God of all saints be with you.

People: May God bless you as well.

Leader: Children of God, offer your hearts to the One who loves you.

People: We will empty ourselves so we can be filled with grace.

Leader: People of God, sing your praises to the One who loves you.

People: We will offer the new songs taught to all creation.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God...who taught us to pray, saying...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*We'll make a pilgrimage to Covenant's Memorial Garden where we'll engage in a litany.
As we walk or drive to the Memorial Garden, the Director of Music will lead us in song.*

***HYMN #825**

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

"Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home."

LITANY AT THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

Congregational response: "Be present with us."

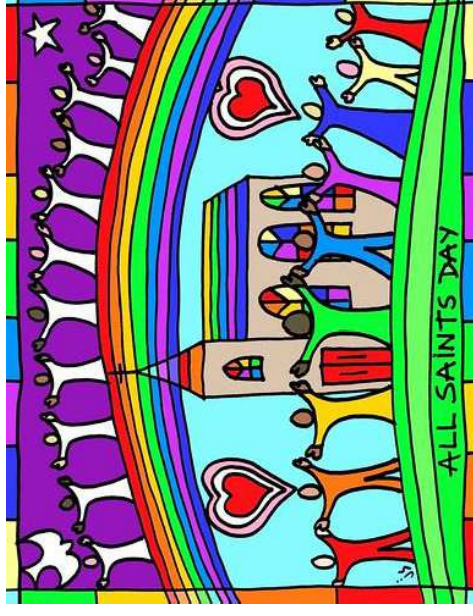
*BLESSING

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. Many of today's words for worship are from Rev. Thom Shuman. Today's liturgist is Karen Stewart. The guest pianist is Max Stoutimore. Coffee hour is hosted by the Tribles. Please note that the worship service is live on YouTube and recorded, too. 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's childcare available in the room off the front of the sanctuary. A diaper changing station is in the room labeled "Teen Lounge" just past the bathrooms.

Bathrooms are located outside of the sanctuary to the right, through the narthex, and up the small set of stairs. 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.

To reach Rev. Culp, email covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com or text/call 937-570-8218. Rev. Culp is out of the office from November 5th-9th. If you have an emergent pastoral care need, please call 937-570-8218.

Welcome to Worship



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November 2, 2025

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 2, 2025 **Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost** **11:00 am**

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE *For All the Saints* arr. Pepper Choplin Rev. Caitlin Culp

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS *Thom Shuman, adapted*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather, with the company of the faithful -
People: those who know the way to the kingdom and those who are just beginning their pilgrimage.
Leader: We gather, remembering the ones we call saints -
People: those who made compassion their day job, and those who have no day named after them.
Leader: We gather, praising God for all who have shaped our faith -
People: those who showed us the dance steps of heaven, those who taught us to play the instruments of joy.

***OPENING HYMN #326** *For All the Saints*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) *Howard Thurman, adapted*

Lord, open unto us – courage for our fear, hope for our despair, peace for our turmoil, joy for our sorrow, strength for our weakness, wisdom for our confusion, tenderness for our toughness, love for our hates, forgiveness for our sins. Open unto us thy Self for ourself. Lord, Lord, open unto us. *Silent prayer.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE #582** *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ANTHEM *Shadows at Dusk* by Julie Knerr Hague Max Stoutimore

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Karen Stewart

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:17-19 (pg. 59)

Karen Stewart

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Caitlin Culp

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:20-31 (pg. 59)

SERMON

Caitlin Culp

***HYMN #729** *Lord, I Want to be a Christian*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)** *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

EUCCHARIST

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP "Stewardship of our Saints" Caitlin Culp

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord's Table is open to all. The elements are bread and grape juice.