

Order of Worship For Honor and Praise of the Triune God

COMING TOGETHER

Prelude Let Us Oft Sing Kind Words Arr. Pederson

Mason Alldredge, organ

Welcome

Call to Worship Liturgists

One: I glimpse you from afar, and I'm suspicious. I cannot understand you, and it makes me afraid.

What if we are too different? One: What if you don't care about me?

I cannot imagine we have anything to share.

I'm not sure I am willing to open myself to a conversation. Two:

Wait. Both: Breathe. All:

Let the anxiety take a break for just a moment. One:

Breathe again. We are not alone. Two: Christ is with us.

Let us take a deep breath together. One:

Breathe in and out...

Two: The rhythm of our breath and heartbeat is the same.

Both: Our desire for life and love is the same. Our desire for peace in which we flourish is the same.

Let this moment permeate our souls, and let us pass the peace of Christ between us. This peace is meant for all people.

Both: The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Passing the Peace

* **Hymn 435** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy In Babilone

* Call to Confession

Liturgist

The act of simply coming together is "revolutionary," which in its earliest form meant "finding a course around a central point." We gather around the Light of Christ as the center and guiding light of our love in the world. This is our "kindness revolution."

* Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

One: For all the ways we colonize each other –

With expectations, beliefs, judgements and our own fear...

God in your mercy, forgive and transform. All:

One: For all the ways we squander right relationship – Choosing being "right" over "relationship" ...

God in your mercy, forgive and transform.

One: For all the ways we abuse our freedom –

Engaging in hateful speech towards those not on "our" side...

God in your mercy, forgive and transform.

One: For all the ways we deny equality and the belovedness of all –

Deeming some "in and others "out" ...

God in your mercy, forgive and transform.

* Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

Jesus said, "I have come to set the prisoner free." No matter what binds you this day, freedom is ours through new life in Christ. In the name of him who came to loose the chains, we are forgiven. **In the name** of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, set free. Glory to God! Amen!

* Gloria - 605

Praise to God the Father

Da N'ase

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Children's Song The Wheels on the Bus Hills

Children's Moment Rev. Kathleen Luke

Joining the Circle *Draw the Circle Wide*

Miller

This week, the choir will introduce this musical invitation next week, we'll invite everyone to join the song!

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

Ubi Caritas

Detroit

Open our hearts and our minds, so that we can understand the fullness of your Word. Fill us with the light of the Holy Spirit as we hear the Word proclaimed today. In the name of Christ, the Word revealed. Amen.

Hymn 205 Live in Charity

SCRIPTURE

Gospel Lesson Luke 6:31-36; pg. 64

"What If God Meant..." Sermon Rev. Kathleen Luke

* Hymn 444 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive **Affirmation of Faith**

Brief Statement of Faith, Hymnal pg. 37; sections 1, 4, and 5

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Kathleen Luke

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.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Kathleen Luke

Offertory

The Gift of Love

American Folk Tune Arr. Hal Hopson

Covenant Singers Mason Alldredge, piano

* Doxology – Hymn 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

* Dedication of the Offering

Rev. Kathleen Luke

GOING OUT IN MISSION

* Hymn 754

Help Us Accept Each Other (Verses 1, 2, and 3)

Baronita

* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Kathleen Luke

* Hymn 754

Help Us Accept Each Other (Verse 4)

Baronita

Postlude

Toccata from Organ Symphony no. 5 Mason Alldredge, organ

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Welcome, Guests and Visitors!

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! We hope and pray that you will grow in relationship with the living God as we worship together. Members and guests are asked to sign the Ministry of Friendship book as it is passed from the front pew to the back.

New members come into our fellowship by Profession of Faith, Letter of Transfer, or Reaffirmation of Faith. Please call the church office (405)751-2546 or speak to a serving elder, denoted by a gold flag on their name tag, for more information.

About Our Worship

In worship, God is the audience. We are participants who have gathered to give thanks and praise. In reverence to God and out of respect for other worshippers, please silence your cell phones.

Children are welcome in worship each Sunday. Activity tote bags for children are available at the welcome table each week. The nursery is open for parents with little ones as well.

The congregation is invited to stand, in body or spirit, when an asterisk (*) is notated in the bulletin. Where there is **bolded** text, the congregation is invited to speak aloud in unison.



We are looking for people who have stories, memorabilia, or photos to share from Covenant over the years. To celebrate the life of our church, we need people to help with preparation for events over the course of the year as well!

Interested in volunteering or sharing your memories of our church home? Contact the church office!

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Staff and Participants in Worship:

Rev. Kathleen Luke	Minister
Emily Sawyer	. Administrative Assistant
Morgan Magelssen	Music Director
Alice Showalter	Childcare Provider
Meagan McCrary	Orchestra Assistant
John Magelssen	Streaming Attendant
CPC Orchestra	Music
Covenant Singers	Music
Josh Seley	Liturgist One
John Magelssen	Liturgist Two
Stevie Sawyer	Acolyte
Nathan Showalter	Artist

Resources used for worship today include:

• Adapted from www.worshipdesignstudio.com/kindness in collaboration with https://campaignforkindness.com.

Today's offertory, The Gift of Love by Hal Hopson, honors the legacy of this beloved composer, who shared more than 1,200 works with the world. Hopson returned to the arms of his Savior on July 20 at age 92.

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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* **PA Hearing Assist Units** are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please take one if you need it and return it to the same spot after the service. Thank you!

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C July 27, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

