



Order of Worship
For Honor and Praise of the God

COMING TOGETHER

Prelude Anthony Xu, organ

Welcome

Call to Worship Liturgist

One: Destruction and violence are everywhere;
Strife and contention are all around.

**All: The needs of the world are so great;
O Lord, increase our faith.**

One: The law is slack and justice does not prevail.

**All: The needs of the world are so great;
O Lord, increase our faith.**

One: How many threats surround us:
Warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

**All: The needs of the world are so great;
But you, O God, are greater still –
The One in whom all things are possible.
O Lord, increase our faith in you!**

Passing the Peace

*** Hymn 769** For Everyone Born For Everyone Born
(Verses 1, 3, and 5)

*** Call to Confession** Liturgist

God answers those who seek mercy; salvation comes to those who wait for the Lord. Therefore, let us confess all we have done, and what we have not done, trusting in God’s grace.

*** Prayer of Confession** Liturgist

Merciful God, you have called us to live in sincere faith and to suffer for the gospel. We confess that we do not come before you with a clear conscience. Our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty.

We shrink from your call to live sacrificially on behalf of others. Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first.

We confess that in our own lives, and in the church, we rely on our power rather than yours. Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples. Take away from us a spirit of cowardice, and restore to us the spirit of power rightly used, of love unconditionally offered, and of self-discipline gracefully lived.

In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith, that we may be faithful servants at your table. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*** Assurance of Pardon** Liturgist

The power of God has saved us. Grace is given to us in Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. Thanks be to God!

*** Gloria - 583** Glory to God Machu-Pichu

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Children’s Moment Rev. Kathleen Luke

Hymn 853 We Are Marching in the Light of God Siyahamba

Prayer for Illumination Liturgist

Holy God, speak your word; let those who hear guard the good treasure entrusted to them with the help of the Holy Spirit, living in us all. Amen.

Hymn 461 As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn Soon Sae Kim

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson Lamentations 1:1-6; pg. 762

Psalter Lesson Psalm 137; pg. 576

Epistle Lesson 2 Timothy 1:1-14; pg. 211

Gospel Lesson Luke 17:5-10; pg. 80

Sermon “Increase Our Faith” Rev. Kathleen Luke

*** Hymn 509** All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly Holy Manna

*** Affirmation of Faith** Affirmation of Unity

We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind. We have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism. We eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one Name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope. Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; know and bear one another’s burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness. Together we pray; together we serve God in this world.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Kathleen Luke

Hymn 526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Linstead

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please follow along with the insert in your bulletin.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation to the Offering Rev. Kathleen Luke

Offertory One World, One Communion Choplin

Covenant Singers
Anthony Xu, piano

*** Doxology – Hymn 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Old Hundredth

*** Dedication of the Offering** Rev. Kathleen Luke

GOING OUT IN MISSION

*** Hymn 498** Loaves Were Broken, Beach Spring
Words Were Spoken

*** Charge and Benediction** Rev. Kathleen Luke

*** Hymn 765** May the God of Hope Go with Us Argentina

Postlude Anthony Xu, organ



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Hymn Texts and Tunes from Around the World

For Everyone Born New Zealand
Glory to God Peru
We Are Marching in the Light of God South Africa
As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn South Korea
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly Canada
Praise to God the Father Ghana
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Jamaica
Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken U.S.A.
May the God of Hope Go with Us Argentina

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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
Anthony Xu Accompanist
John Magelssen Streaming Attendant
CPC Orchestra Music
Covenant Singers Music
Ron Butts Liturgist
Stevie Sawyer Acolyte

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Hours of Operation:

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

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
World Communion Sunday
October 5, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

For God did
not give us a
spirit of
cowardice,
but rather a
spirit of power
and of love
and of
self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7