



Order of Worship
For Honor and Praise of the God

COMING TOGETHER

Prelude Anthony Xu, organ

Welcome

Call to Worship Liturgist

One: Like clay on a wheel
All: God forms us: shaping us, molding us, creating us.
One: And like moldable clay,
All: God continues to shape us.
One: Let us worship God.

Passing the Peace

* Hymn 5 God the Sculptor of the Mountains
... Jennings-Houston

* Call to Confession Liturgist
In the very beginning, God made us in God’s own image. And yet, in the most common of human actions, we stray from God’s pure intentions for us. Let us return to our Lord, acknowledging our mistakes both individually and as a community.

* Prayer of Confession Liturgist
Creator God, you know us better than anyone else. You formed us in your own image. And yet, we sometimes stray from the gift you’ve given us. We keep people at a distance, letting systemic and personal barriers get in the way of relationships. Forgive us, Lord. Let us hear your call to change and do better. Empower us to ask for forgiveness from those whom we have wronged. Help us to think of you and those around us. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon Liturgist
Friends, the good news is this: God is not done with us. Our Creator is still forming and shaping us, forgiving us, and allowing us to

grow. Hear the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Gloria - 583 Glory to God Taizé

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Children’s Moment Rev. Kathleen Luke

Hymn 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Ellacombe
(Verse 1)

Prayer for Illumination Liturgist
Lord, allow our ears to be open to your Word, especially where there are questions or challenges. Allow us to be open to where you are speaking to us in our discomfort. Amen.

Hymn 175 Seek Ye First Lafferty
(Verse 1)

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 18:1-11; pg. 720
Psalter Lesson Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; pg. 577
New Testament Lesson Philemon 1-21; pg. 215
Gospel Lesson Luke 14:24-33; pg. 77

Sermon “When Scripture Is Difficult” Rev. Kathleen Luke

* Hymn 718 Take Up Your Cross, Bourbon
The Savior Said

Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day, he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From then he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Kathleen Luke

Hymn 506 Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table! Copeland

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 For the Bread Which You Have Broken Larson
Covenant Singers
Meagan McCrary, violin
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 695 Change My Heart, O God Irregular

* Charge and Benediction Rev. Kathleen Luke

* Hymn 695 Change My Heart, O God Irregular

Postlude Anthony Xu, 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
Anthony Xu Accompanist
John Magelssen Streaming Attendant
CPC Orchestra Music
Covenant Singers Music
Ron Butts and Emily Sawyer Communion servers
John Magelssen 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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Communion

September 7, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

O Lord,
you have
searched me
and known me.

Psalm 139:1