



Order of Worship  
For Honor and Praise of the Triune God

COMING TOGETHER

Prelude Adoration Price  
Mason Alldredge, organ

Welcome

Call to Worship Liturgists

One: Sometimes I can’t make out my own thoughts, much less yours.  
Two: Making sense of this life and this time seems unreachable.  
One: What if we never figure it out?  
Two: What if we become too estranged?  
One: I cannot imagine your viewpoint.  
Two: I’m not sure I am willing to believe that any solution will work.  
Both: Wait.  
All: Breathe.  
One: Let the anxiety take a break for just a moment.  
All: Breathe again.  
Two: We are not alone.  
All: Christ is with us.  
One: Let us take a deep breath together.

Breath 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.  
All: 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.  
All: And also with you.

Passing the Peace

\* Hymn 754 Help Us Accept Each Other Baronita  
\* Call to Confession Liturgist One  
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...  
All: God in your mercy, forgive and transform.  
One: For all the ways we squander right relationship –  
Choosing being “right” over “relationship” ...  
All: 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...  
All: 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” ...  
All: 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

Join us in song as we draw the circle wide—  
lyrics and music are printed on the insert in your bulletin.

Prayer for Illumination Liturgist  
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 Ubi Caritas

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9; pg. 640

Sermon “What If God Meant...” Rev. Kathleen Luke

\* Hymn 378 We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom Merle’s Tune

Affirmation of Faith Brief Statement of Faith,  
Hymnal pg. 37; sections 1, 4, 5, and 6

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 Ubi Caritas Lightfoot  
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 346 For the Healing of the Nations St. Thomas  
(Verses 1, 2, and 3)

\* Charge and Benediction Rev. Kathleen Luke

\* Hymn 346 For the Healing of the Nations St. Thomas  
(Verse 4)

Postlude Empathy Arr. Sherman  
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  
Mason Aldredge ..... Accompanist, Organist, Pianist  
Alice Showalter ..... Childcare Provider  
Meagan McCrary ..... Orchestra Assistant  
John Magelssen ..... Streaming Attendant  
CPC Orchestra ..... Music  
Covenant Singers ..... Music  
Covenant Ringers ..... Music  
Ron Butts ..... Liturgist One  
Albert Sawyer ..... Liturgist Two  
Stevie Sawyer ..... Acolyte  
Vivian Showalter ..... Artist

### Resources used for worship today include:

- Adapted from [www.worshipdesignstudio.com/kindness](http://www.worshipdesignstudio.com/kindness) in collaboration with <https://campaignforkindness.com>.

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### 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

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C  
August 3, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

