



# Covenant

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## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021** **14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN # 804, vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5** (*copy of hymn w/music attached*)

*"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"*

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. [*Refrain*]

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,  
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe: [*Refrain*]

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. [*Refrain*]

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

James 1:17-27

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER****CLOSING HYMN # 738** (*copy of hymn w/music attached*)

*“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;  
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

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**This week we welcome John Golden to our virtual pulpit.** John is the Director of UKirk ETSU and is starting his fourth year as a student at Emmanuel Christian Seminary. John was born and raised in Longview, Texas, and grew up attending St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He earned his undergraduate degree at Georgia Tech, where he fell in love with the community within college campus ministry. In his free time, John enjoys running and biking, cooking, and eating, reading as much as he can, and has recently started learning how to garden.

**TODAY AT COVENANT:**

In the Pulpit:  
Organ/piano:  
Liturgist:

John Golden  
Jessica Siple, Music Director  
Betsy Moakler

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to glorify and enjoy God. We live knowing that God calls us to be a place of love, support, hope and acceptance regardless of earthly labels. Jesus Christ commissions us to make disciples and passionately share our gifts with the world through prayer, teaching, and service. The Holy Spirit allows us to determine and carry out Christ's will for our lives and the life of our church and empowers us to seek out and respond to the needs of our local and global community.

## **AFFIRMING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

We at Covenant Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tennessee, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church (USA), aka PC(USA), present its Churchwide Antiracism Policy, first adopted in 1999 and revised in 2016. It proclaims the following:

“While recognizing that racism victimizes many different racial ethnic groups, we acknowledge its unique impact on the African American community. Given the particular forms that anti-Black racism has taken in the United States of America, both historically (including slavery and Jim Crow) and today (including mass incarceration, disproportionate policing, economic inequality, and continuing acts of racially oriented violence and hate), we state clearly: GOD LOVES BLACKNESS. Too many have denied this basic truth for too long. Our choice to align ourselves with love and not hate requires both a rejection of racism and a positive proclamation that God delights in Black lives.”

## **CPC STATEMENT OF OPENNESS AND WELCOME**

We aspire to Christ's model of openness and love for all persons. As God has welcomed us, we also welcome everyone into the life, leadership, and community of Christ's church, regardless of abilities, age, economic status, education, ethnicity, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, social position or any identity or status that might be perceived as separating us from God or one another.

We pledge to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of each of God's children, with membership, leadership, and employment open to whomever God calls.