

**JUNE 2, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



# Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**CHRIST • PEOPLE • COMMUNITY**

**Pastor: Rev. Maggie Rust**

Covenant is proud to be an **Earth Care Congregation**; a **More Light Church** – supporting the LGBTQ+ community; a **PC(USA) Matthew 25 Church** – committed to dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty, and building congregational vitality; and a **Recovery Congregation** certified by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.



**ALL ARE WELCOME!** We are glad you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to fill out a Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate. If you are seeking a church home, Pastor Maggie would be happy to talk to you about your faith journey and church membership after the service.

## TODAY AT COVENANT

Liturgist: Gary Smith

Accompanist: Anne Smith

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*(As you participate in worship today, you're invited to rise in body or spirit at \* and read aloud the **bolded** responses together with the congregation.)*

### WELCOME

### GREETING

One: There is no other like the Lord our God,

**All: who keeps covenant forever, whose steadfast love never ends.**

### PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us to worship,

**All: and we come, some with laughter and songs of joy.**

One: God calls us to worship,

**All: and we come, some from a sense of obligation or habit.**

One: God calls us to worship,

**All: and we come, some with hearts heavy with grief.**

One: God calls us to worship,

**All: and we come, some with distraction or exhaustion.**

One: God calls us to worship,

**All: and we come, some with eagerness and enthusiasm.**

One: God calls us to worship,

**All: and we come, some with stress, loneliness, and depression.**

One: As God's beloved children, we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope

**All: into this place of Spirit-given grace, compassion, and love. Thanks be to God!**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 726

*"Will You Come and Follow Me"*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and mercy, we confess that we have failed to follow you. We rejoice in our own abundance, but ignore our neighbors' needs. We cite the letter of the law, but forget the way of your Spirit. We boast of our own strengths, but desperately try to hide our weaknesses. Forgive us, O Lord. Set us free from our sin and lead us to salvation. Transform us by your grace, that we may live to share your love. Open our hearts to one another, as you have opened your heart to us through Jesus Christ our Savior, in whom we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation! Everything old has passed away; behold, all has become new! In Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

One: In Christ is our joy, our hope and our peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON (p. 577—OT)

Psalm 139

\*HYMN OF INVITATION # 29

“O God, You Search Me”

SECOND LESSON (p. 859—OT)

Jonah 1:1-16

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. Maggie Rust

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS: Ann Thinnes and Anne Trask

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The 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 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 thence 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.**

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy...

...forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: You are holy, O God of majesty...

...the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit...

...almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**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.**

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

#### GOING OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF BLESSING # 506

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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**Large-Print Hymnals & Hearing Assist Devices** are available in the back of the sanctuary.

#### 5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

The basket is out for the 5 Cents a Meal Offering. Please consider giving 5 cents for each meal you have eaten in the last month (or any amount you wish) to help fund local and global programs to feed the hungry.

#### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Estelle Armistead; Kendall Harris; Brian Smith (Gary & Anne’s grandson); Evelyn Hill (Anne Trask’s mother); Sharon Benner; those affected by gun violence; victims of climate change and natural disasters; for peace in areas of conflict: Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine.

*Join us in continually lifting up in prayer our mission co-workers:*

Bob & Kristi Rice: South Sudan

The Adams Maldonado Family: Frontera de Cristo

*and these Covenant ministry partners:*

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