

**MAY 19, 2024**

**DAY OF 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: Christian Zembower

Accompanist: Ellie Dominguez

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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**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Pentecost Offering: Anne Trask

**GREETING**

One: Come sing unto the Lord!

All: **Make a joyful noise to God!**

Hymn *(see insert)*

*"Bringing in the Sheaves"*

Hymn *(see insert)*

*"In the Garden"*

Hymn # 664

*"Morning Has Broken"*

Hymn # 14

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Hymn # 625

*"O Lord My God" (How Great Thou Art)*

Hymn # 803

*"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"*

Hymn # 649

*"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, you call us to sing your song anew, yet we confess that sometimes we don't feel much like singing. Sometimes we only want to sing of the past. Sometimes we ignore the witness of your people singing out through the ages. Forgive us when we limit your creative and redemptive story, when we trap your good news in only our preferred language and comfortable melodies. Forgive us when our lips are shut in protest or fear. Forgive us when we keep our voices low and our feet firmly planted, refusing to join you in the song and dance of holy life. Open our lips, O God, that we may boldly proclaim your praise. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Scripture promises: Happy are those who trust and wait patiently on the Lord. God will draw them up from the depths and put a new song on their lips, a song of praise to the Lord! Friends, in Christ we are new creation, forgiven and set free to sing with joy!

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

Hymn # 43 “You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord”

Hymn (*see insert*) “The Old Rugged Cross”

Hymn # 839 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

Hymn # 462 “I Love to Tell the Story”

**PSALM OF THE DAY** (*p. 583—OT*) Psalm 150

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** (*p. 201—NT*) Colossians 3:12-17

**One:** This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (*see insert*) “Wonderful Words of Life”

Hymn # 450 “Be Thou My Vision”

Hymn # 69 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” (Here I Am, Lord)

Hymn # 157 “I Danced in the Morning”

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION**

**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.**

Hymn # 300 “We Are One in the Spirit”

Hymn # 394 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Hymn # 611 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

#### **BENEDICTION**

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

#### **PENTECOST OFFERING**

**This morning, we will receive the 2024 Pentecost Offering.** A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church as a whole to encourage, develop and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Offering will remain with Covenant and will be given to local mission projects making an impact in the lives of youth within our own community. Please give generously.

#### **POTLUCK AND MISSION PROJECT**

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for our Potluck Lunch! After lunch, we will help pack the individual bags of food that have been collected for the students at Boone’s Creek Elementary. If you didn’t have a chance to go shopping, you may give a monetary donation and members of the Local & World-Wide Missions committee will go shopping this afternoon.

Session is meeting this afternoon. Please be in prayer for our church leaders.

Pastor Maggie is out of the office at a conference in Washington DC this week.  
She will be back next Sunday.

#### **IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

Estelle Armistead; Kendall Harris; Deb Lewis; Brian Smith (Gary & Anne’s grandson); Judy Moakler (Rich’s mother); 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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Good Samaritan Ministry ☩ The River ☩ BABMOC