

JUNE 16, 2024 **FOURTH 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: Ron Smith

Accompanist: Joel Buckner

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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: How good and sweet it is

All: when the children of God dwell together in peace.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we gather in worship, who is with us?

All: We meet in the company of the church on earth and the saints in heaven,

One: The faithful who have worshiped before us and will come after,

All: In this place and around the world, from every tribe and tongue,

One: Young and old, women and men, all siblings in this family of God.

All: We join our voices to theirs, once again proclaiming the grace of God,

One: The love and new life we find in Christ,

All: And the unity and peace we have through the communion of the Holy Spirit.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 440

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all creation, who rules over every nation and whose image is in every person, forgive us the sins of disunity – pride, jealousy, and narrow-mindedness; forgive us the sins of false unity – lack of imagination, apathy, and indifference. Make us one in genuine love and mutual trust; make us many in gifts and talents, that your church might share a vision for peace with your world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: People of God, all of us together have surely received mercy in Christ.

We are forgiven, redeemed, and made into a new community,
united in faith, hope, and love.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

One: Friends, as we have been reconciled to God,
we are also to live reconciled to one another.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Sing to the Lord”

Covenant Handbell Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON (p. 557—OT)

Psalm 106:1-12

*HYMN OF INVITATION # 649

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

SECOND LESSON (p. 860—OT)

Jonah 3:1-10

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Maggie Rust

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *the Confession of 1967*

God’s reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the ground of peace, justice, and freedom among all peoples. The church is called to practice the forgiveness of enemies and to commend to the governments of nations as practical politics the search for cooperation and peace. This search requires that nations pursue fresh and responsible relations across every line of conflict, even at risk to national security, to reduce areas of strife and broaden understanding. Any church which identifies the sovereignty of any one nation or any one way of life with the cause of God denies the Lordship of Christ and betrays its calling.

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF BLESSING # 619

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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JULY COURIER DEADLINE

The deadline for articles and meeting dates for the July newsletter and calendar is Monday, June 17, 2024. Please email your information to the church office at office@cpcjc.org. Thank you.

GENTLE REMINDER TO THE SOUND SYSTEM VOLUNTEERS

There will be a training session in the Sanctuary on **Thursday, June 20, at 11:00 a.m.**

HAPPY TOGETHER IN JUNE

This month, on **Tuesday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m.**, we hope you’ll join us at **McAlister’s Deli**, 2111 N. Roan St. You can call or text Pat Smith at 940-390-5607 to let her know if you’re coming.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Tom Wolf (Julie Wood’s brother); Estelle Armistead; Kendall Harris; Brian Smith (Gary & Anne’s grandson); 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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