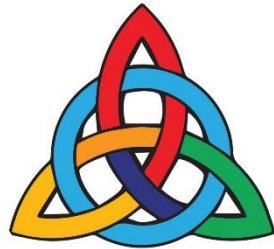


**JUNE 23, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



# 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: Christian Zembower

Accompanist: Liesl Huhn

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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: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

**All: the world and all who dwell in it.**

## PRELUDE

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to God Most High;

**All: To declare God's faithfulness in the morning and the Lord's steadfast love at night.**

One: Those who are planted in the house of the Lord flourish;

**All: They bear good fruit in every season and thus proclaim God's glory!**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 327

*"From All that Dwell Below the Skies"*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace, have mercy on us. Though you have been faithful to us, we have failed to be faithful to you. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to yourself and to one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

## SHARING THE PEACE

One: The apostle Paul reminds us: live not to yourself alone; live for the good of others and the glory of God. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST LESSON** (p. 550—OT)

Psalm 96

\*HYMN OF INVITATION # 435

*“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

SECOND LESSON (p. 861—OT)

Jonah 4

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 Psalm 103

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

All: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits –**

One: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

All: **Who redeems your life from the Pit,**

One: Who satisfies you with steadfast love and mercy,

All: **Who satisfies you with good as long as you live.**

One: The Lord grants righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

All: **The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: God does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

All: **For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God’s steadfast love for us.**

One: As far as the east is from the west, so far are our transgressions removed from us.

All: **As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord loves those who fear him.**

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 # 318

*“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

### HAPPY TOGETHER IN JUNE

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

### PLASTICS RECYCLING UPDATE

Thank you for your enthusiastic support of our plastics recycling program. In less than 2 months we have recycled 1,321 plastic items! Please continue to look for recycling symbols on your plastic waste and drop recyclable items that are empty, rinsed out and dry in the plastics recycling bin in the Fellowship Hall. Keep up the great work!

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN JULY

All of the **Sunday School** classes will be taking a break next month. They will resume August 4. **Lectio Divina** will meet again on Wednesday, August 7. However, the **Zoom Bible Study** will meet in July. Join us Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

### BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE IN JULY

The July Black/White Dialogue meeting will be held at the Food City Community Room on **Monday, July 8**, from 6 - 8:00 p.m. Dr. David Wood will lead a presentation and discussion on Expanded Medicaid. This issue is one of the foremost issues for the State of Tennessee since it addresses the reality that people of color, especially Blacks, are disparaged as it relates to medical care. Tennessee is only one of ten states that have not enacted appropriate legislation.

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Reg Murphy; John & Linda Honaker (previous members and daughter of Frank Lamons); 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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