



**New Covenant Presbyterian Church
August 1, 2021 10:00am Service**



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The Worship of God

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements and Sharing of Our Vision

Lay Leader:

Preparing to Meet God

Preludes...Early Christians used the sailboat as a symbol for the church. The early Christians used the sailboat because on Pentecost, Jesus' promise of the power of the Holy Spirit came to them with a sound like the rush of a violent wind. For early Christians, the church was God Powered, God led and God resourced. The early Christians moved about as the Holy Spirit led them. They depended on the Spirit to provide what was needed to do God's work and they knew God was in charge of what was happening.

Do we actively seek God's will in all that we do? Do we pray for God's guidance? How often? If we can figure out how to let God fill our sails and take us to where we need to go, and do what He is asking us to do – that is definitely more fun, adventurous and so much less stressful than keeping responsibility for everything ourselves. Ephesians 3:21 God "Through the power at work within us can do abundantly far more than we could ever ask or imagine." John 15:5 Jesus reminds us "Without me, you can do nothing. I am the vine, you are the branches, Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit." Imagine such a close relationship with God as a divine-human partnership. The partnership is a dynamic, interactive life with a loving God. There is no map, rather the details unfold as we are drawn into the adventure. The important thing is to be faithful and obedient in response to what God seems to be doing in our lives. As our relationship with Christ deepens, He will lead us through the living Spirit in the work we are to do and provide what we need to do it.

Pray now, ask God where he is calling you...

Call to Worship

L: God commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;

A: He rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.

L: Mortals ate of the bread of angels; He sent them food in abundance.

A: He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power He led out the south wind;

L: He rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;

A: He let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings. And they ate and were well filled, for He gave them what they craved.

***Hymn of Praise Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty - Page # 138**

Prayer of Confession:

A: We acknowledge that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory.

L: A time of silence will be observed for personal confession at the conclusion of this prayer. Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

A: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name...

(Lay leader: allow 30 seconds for silent prayer -screen/slide should have the words: Silent Prayer)

A: Kyrie eleison, Lord Have Mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence.

The assurance of God's grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ. We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, Christ raises us to new life.

A: Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

L: Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

A: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn: Just as I am, without one plea, #370**

Meeting God in the Word

Childrens' Message: Picture of a row boat and a sail boat.

Ask: How does the row boat move through the water? How does the sailboat move through the water? Who provides the power for the row boat? Who provides the power for the sailboat? How does God power our sailboat? How do we ask for that power? Prayer is how we ask God for what we need – how do we know the answer? Things happen, small voice. When you are not sure about an answer – have you ever used Google? Did you know you could use Google to seek God's word? Start in a Bible and search the answer for your question to see what scripture tells us. We are soon to read our scripture lessons for this week – listen to the word of God really carefully; see if any insights come to you while you focus. Let me know at the end of the service what insight you gained.

Prayer for Illumination

Heavenly Father; we are so grateful that you are here with us, in this place, desiring to be in relationship with each and every one of us. As we prepare to hear your word, open our hearts and our minds. Clear the world from our thoughts that we may focus on your Word. May it permeate our minds, our hearts and guide our lives. Bless your word onto our hearts oh Lord that we may live by it. In Jesus Holy name we pray, Amen.

First Lesson

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Second Lesson

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the

LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

HYMN: Jesus Loves Me!

And from the book of John:

John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Sermon Sailboat Church

Elder, Donna Casey

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** Open my eyes that I may see, #324

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed – Traditional Version

A: 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.

Prayers and testimony of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus:

*I cast all my cares upon you.
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime I don't know what to do,
I cast all my cares upon you.*

The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts

The Invitation *You are invited to place your offering in the basket in the back of the sanctuary.*

Hymn of Dedication: To God be the glory, great things He hath done Pg # 485

Prayer of Dedication

Going Out to Serve God

*** Blessing** **Wherever you go, God is sending you, wherever you are, God has put you there, He has a purpose in your being there. Christ who indwells you has something He wants to do through you where you are. Believe in this and go in His grace, and love, and power.**

***Response**

*He Is Lord
He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess,
That Jesus Christ is Lord.*