



to me, and who are  
**Come** to weary  
and  
burdened,  
and **I** shall give  
you rest.  
*Matthew 11: 28*

**New Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
**July 5, 2020** **10:00am Service**



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# The Worship of God

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

### July 5, 2020

Welcome, Announcements and Sharing of Our Vision

Lay Leader:

## Preparing to Meet God

### Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Prelude...

*The invitation to “Come to me, you that are weary...” is to become “wise” and to come to trust in the One who can provide rest, relief and respite from the insatiable need to be right or the intolerable demand that everything be done “my way.” There is a freedom in one of the classic mantras of Alcoholics Anonymous to “let go and let God.” One of the gifts of the gospel message is to relinquish the obsessive need to be in control, the need to exercise power “over” others, and to exonerate one’s self from responsibility. God truly does know best and all we need to do is trust and allow Christ to be Lord of our lives rather than lording over others.*

### Call to Worship

- L:** Some of us come to worship this morning with hearts full of joy, and others come with holes in our hearts.
- P:** *Some of come weighed down with worry, and others come with peace and calm.*
- L:** Some of us come assailed by doubts, and others come with unwavering certainty.
- A:** *However we come, O God, on this weekend when we celebrate our nation’s independence, we are here with gratitude for the freedom we have to worship as we choose.*

\*Hymn of Praise # 375

*Lord of All Good*

### Prayer of Confession

*O Lord our God, we know how heavy the burden of sin is. And when we you’re your Word and learn your commandments for the way we are to live, our hearts become all the heavier for we know we have not done what you desired from us. For these things we for your forgiveness, and we give thanks that you desire to share your grace with us that we might not be burdened without hope. Forgive us and lead us in the paths of righteousness, guided by your loving hand that we might find your promised rest. And now we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and seek your forgiveness.....Amen.*

### Assurance of Forgiveness

- L:** Hear the Good News: We are made right with God through our faith in Jesus Christ,
- P:** *Who loved us and gave himself for us, and whose death was not in vain.*
- L:** Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel –
- P:** *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

# Meeting God in the Word

## Children's Message

### Prayer for Illumination

#### First Lesson

Romans 7: 15-25

*I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.*

*So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.*

#### Special Music

#### Second Lesson

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

*'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'*

*At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*

*'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'*

#### Sermon

Does Jesus Get Your Goat?



# Responding to the Word

\*Hymn #507

*I Come With Joy*

Prayers 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 at the  
back of the sanctuary.*

**Prayer of Dedication:** These gifts are meaningless, O God, if your name is on our lips but not in our hearts. Let your Spirit complete the good work begun in us, that we may worthily bear the name of Christ. Amen.

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Going Out to Serve God

\* Hymn # 564

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*



\* Blessing

L: Set your minds on the things of the Spirit.

**P: We will fasten our imaginations to the will of the Lord**

L: Bind your soul to the purposes of God.

**P: We will go forth to DO the will of God.**

L: May the blessings of Almighty God...

\*Response

*He Is Lord*



*A Joke for the Road:*

*A young couple invited their elderly pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the pastor asked their son what they were having for dinner. "Goat," the little boy replied. "Goat?" asked the startled man of the cloth, "Are you sure about that?" "Yep," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom, "Today is just as good as any to have the old goat for dinner."*