

I GIVE YOU  
THANKS  
O LORD WITH  
MY WHOLE  
HEART

*your steadfast love endures forever*

New Covenant Presbyterian Church  
February 6, 2022 10:00am Service



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# The Worship of God

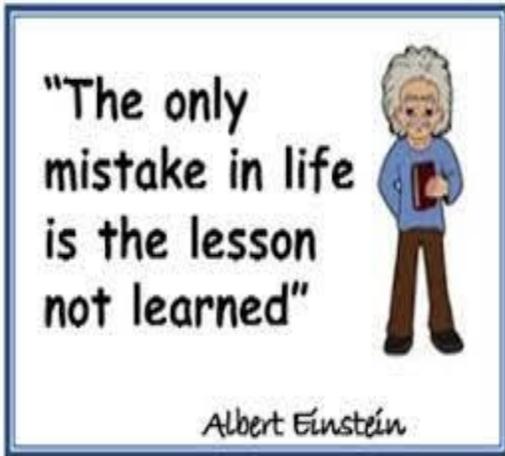
February 6, 2022 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Leader: Pam Leeson

Sharing Our Vision

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude ...



When asked about his greatest lessons learned, J. Ellsworth Kalas, the 85-year old president of Asbury Theological Seminary, said: "Buy a house on Gratitude Street. Do so as soon as you can, because this is the only place to live, and the longer you live here the more you'll love it. And believe me, you will enjoy your neighbors. The price on this street is steep, but you can afford it. You purchase this property with humility, by acknowledging that you are deeply indebted to both God and people. You confess that you wouldn't have anything if it weren't for what has been given to you. The important thing is not only to realize this, but to acknowledge it – to say 'thank you' as often as you can, to God and to people."  
- Ellsworth Kalas, Lessons Learned

## Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

- L: We enter into God's sanctuary praising God's name for the entire universe to hear.  
**P: We kneel before God and offer thanks for God's steadfast love.**  
L: In our hour of need, we cry out to you, O God.  
**P: And you answer, increasing our strength and resolve.**  
L: We will sing of the glory of the Lord,  
**A: For his steadfast love endures forever!**

Hymn # 449

*My Lord! What a Morning*

**Refrain:** *My Lord! what a morning,  
My Lord! what a morning,  
Oh, my Lord! what a morning,  
When the stars begin to fall,  
When the stars begin to fall.*

*You will hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.     **Refrain***

*You will hear the sinner cry to wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.     **Refrain***

*You will hear the Christian shout to wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.     **Refrain***

## Prayer of Confession

***Our sins are too great to bear, holy God, and so we bring them to you. We give you thanks for blotting out our sins, for our guilt has departed. You tell us not to be afraid, for by your grace, we are victorious through Christ. We who are unworthy gladly proclaim our salvation and reclaim life in the power of the Spirit. And now, holy God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgiveness.....Amen.***

## Assurance of Pardon

**L:** Hear the Good News: We may live again as saved people for God's grace is not in vain.

**P:** ***Thanks be to God who grants us forgiveness and peace!***

**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

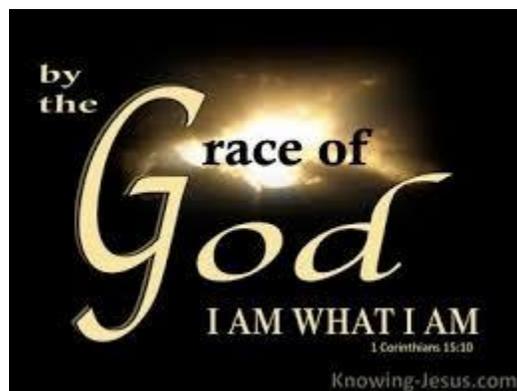
*1 Corinthians 15: 1-11*

*By the Grace of God*

*Lay Leader: Pam Leeson*

*Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain.*

*For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.*



**L:** This is the Word of the Lord. **P:** ***Thanks be to God.***

## Special Music

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!*

*(Congregation is invited to join in the refrain)*

## Second Reading

*Psalm 138*

*Giving Thanks*

*Carol*

*I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.*

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.    **P: Thanks be to God.**



**Sermon**

*Giving Praise and Thanks in All Things*

## Responding to the Word

**Hymn # 478**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;  
Praise him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.*

*Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows.*

*Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,*

*Dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.*

**Installation of New Officers** Pam Leeson as Elder, Kathy Henry and Alice Megonigal as Deacons  
**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**

+Prayer of Dedication:

*God of all times and places, many of us return to this place again and again, expecting spiritual refreshment and growth in grace. Bless all that we do to make this a place of renewal for all who will come to Jesus Christ. And use this offering to accomplish your purposes in and through us. Amen.*

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

**The Invitation and Prayer of Consecration**  
**The Words of Institution**  
**The Sharing of the Elements**  
**The Prayer of Thanksgiving**



## Going Out to Serve

**Hymn # 247**

*I Will Give Thanks with My Whole Heart*  
(Sung to tune of *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*, #510)

1 *I will give thanks with my whole heart,  
Before the gods my praise express;  
I will bow down before your throne,  
And praise your love and faithfulness.*

2 *Above all things, O Lord, my God,  
You glorified your name and Word;  
I called and then you answered me  
And gave me increased strength, O Lord.*

3 *All kings on earth who hear your words,  
O Lord, will give you thanks and praise.  
And tell how great your glory is,  
And they will sing of all your ways.*

4 *The Lord is high, yet scorns the proud,  
Protects the lowly on their path;  
Although I walk in trouble, Lord,  
You keep me safe from my foe's wrath.*

**Blessing**

L: Go forth knowing that even if you're surrounded by trouble, if your enemies outnumber your friends, even if death is knocking at your door,  
**P: *Mighty is the power of our God, for God has a purpose for each of us, and his love is steadfast, enduring no matter what, forever and ever.***  
L: And may the blessings of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...

**Response**

*He is Lord— He is Lord,. He has risen from the dead, and he is Lord.  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.*