

New Covenant Presbyterian Church

August 7, 2022

10:00am Service



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The Worship of God

August 7, 2022 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Leader: Jane A.

Sharing Our Vision

When You Pray
GOD LISTENS
When You Listen
GOD TALKS
When You Believe
GOD WORKS

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude ...

I remember a lovely story in Dale Ohlman's book "Gospel Trumpets." It's a story of the little children of London being evacuated during WWII when Germany showered the blitz on London. A little girl was being led along by her brother who was a bit older than she. The King had directed all children to be evacuated either underground, or perhaps outside the city of London.

This little girl cried, "But I don't know where we're going!" Her brother responded, "I don't know where we're going either, but the King knows, so we must follow!" I feel this is a great illustration for so many of us in life. We don't know exactly where we're going, but if God is doing the leading, let's remember that the King knows, so march on, dear friends, and don't be afraid!

- "Light for Living" by Dr. Robert O. Ozment

Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us gather together that we might praise our God.

P: *Let us sing of God's love and amazing grace.*

L: May we give God praise for God's gifts of abundant forgiveness and mercy.

P: *Let us sing of God's justice and compassion.*

L: May we praise God for all of his wonderful acts to all the earth's people.

P: *Let us sing our praises to God, and worship God with all of our hearts and minds, soul and strength.*

Hymn # 452G2G*Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord***1-Refrain:**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you.**

Repeat

**4-To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love
As we sing "Holy, holy, holy."**

Repeat x 3

**2-To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love
As we sing "Holy, holy, holy."**

**5- Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see you.**

Repeat x 8

**3-Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you.**

Repeat

**Prayer of Confession**

Lay Leader



God of love and justice, bring into our lives your loving passion for all humankind. Help us to look beyond our selfish interests and ambitions, so that we may learn of your compassion and mercy. Help us to be gentle and kind and concerned for those who go hungry this day. Remind us that there are some who will have no shelter for sleep in the coming night. Stir deep in our hearts the urgency of becoming peacemakers. Remind us that the strong and clear call from Jesus, was to live in the world as instruments of peace and reconciliation. Help us to speak out against the need for war and lift up the causes of peace. And now, O God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgivenessAmen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the Good News: It is by faith that we receive God's approval and gift of grace.

P: *We may trust God to keep the promise of forgiveness and salvation.*

L: Friends, may we not only believe the Good News of the Gospel;

A: **May each of us live it out each and every day!**

Meeting God in the Word

Children's Message

First Lesson *Isaiah 55: 6-13*

Joy in the Lord

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

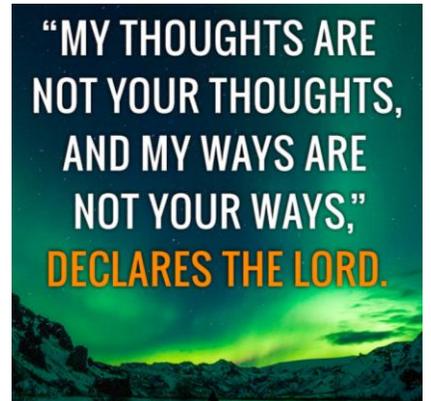
L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

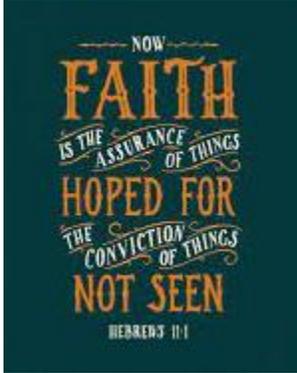
Special Music

Second Lesson *Heb. 11: 1-3, 8-16* *Abraham Teaches About the Meaning of Faith*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Lay Leader





By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old - and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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Sermon

A Dialogue with Abraham

Pastor: Carol Fisher

Abraham: Dan Moody

Responding to the Word

***Hymn # 507, vs. 1, 3 & 5**

I Come with Joy

*1-I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.*

*3-As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.*

*5-Together met, together bound,
We'll go our different ways,
And as his people in the world,
We'll live and speak his praise,
We'll live and speak his praise.*

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 case all my cares upon you.*

The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication: Holy and loving God, we praise you for all that you have done and continue to do to share your love and mercy with our world. Use us and this offering to further your purposes. Amen.

The Sacrament 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

Hymn # 399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
Sung to tune of *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*1-We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe him near.*

*3-Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near
And seek where you are found;*

*2-We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where he trod;
But in his promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*4-That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are,
With full and endless sight.*

Blessing

L: Scripture tells us of God clothing the lilies of the field, and providing food for the birds of the air.

P: God leads lambs to pasture and deer to flowing streams.

L: God multiplied the loaves and fish and changed water into wine.

P: *Now may God send us out strengthened and refreshed, living faithfully for Jesus the Christ.*

L: And may the blessings of God

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.

