

New Covenant Presbyterian Church

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10:00am Service



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# The Worship of God

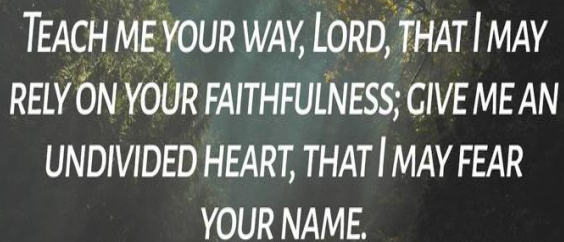
July 24, 2022    Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Lay Leader:*

**Sharing Our Vision**

**Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude ...**



TEACH ME YOUR WAY, LORD, THAT I MAY  
RELY ON YOUR FAITHFULNESS; GIVE ME AN  
UNDIVIDED HEART, THAT I MAY FEAR  
YOUR NAME.

*In our passage today from Colossians, Paul was attempting to teach the people of Colossae how to live their new lives in Christ. They did not have to guess what they were supposed to do and how they were supposed to behave. With the phrase “as you have been taught” Paul revealed his belief that learning how to live as a follower of Christ did not happen by osmosis. It was not a*

*naturally occurring phenomenon that happened to new believers upon conversion.*

*In order to be established in the faith one had to be taught. This text makes the case for thorough and practical Christian education. In order to live Christian lives, we must be taught what being a Christian means. We need to be taught how to behave as individuals, in community, and in the world in ways that are pleasing to God. We must be taught how to relate to others who may not share our faith. The people of Colossae had been given a secure foundation. It was now up to them to live their lives based upon it.*

## Preparing to Meet God

**Call to Worship**

- L: We trust in Jesus because he is faithful in meeting our spiritual needs.  
**P: *As a shepherd is faithful to the needs of his flock, so Jesus cares for us.***
- L: All we need to do is to invite Christ to be our Lord and Savior.  
**P: *And he will lead us in the paths of righteousness all of our days.***
- A: *We have gathered as your sheep this day, loving God. Lead us in the way we should go.***

## Hymn # 476

## O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

1-O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

3-The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;  
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

2-O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
The chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,  
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

4-Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

## Prayer of Confession

**Life is full of blessings, O God, but too often we make ourselves satisfied with that which is only superficial. Forgive us for spending life in a struggle to be happy when true happiness and joy can be ours by putting our trust in you. Grant us the blessings that belong to those who gladly live as your children, that joy may become our true nature. And now, holy God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgiveness.....Amen.**

Lay Leader



## Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the Good News: When it is the Lord God who helps you,

**P: Who will declare you guilty?**

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel -

**P: There is no need to fear for, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Meeting God in the Word

## Children's Message

**First Lesson**

Luke 11: 1-13 *Perseverance in Prayer* Lay Leader



*He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.’*

*And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.*

*‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’*

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

**Special Music****Second Lesson**

Colossians 2: 6-15

*Fullness of Life in Christ*

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*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

*See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.*

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

## Sermon

## What Does It Mean to Be Christian?

## Responding to the Word

## \*Hymn # 349

Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught

Tune: #386, O for a World

1-Let all who pray the prayer Christ taught  
First clear the cluttered heart.  
Make room to breathe the living thought  
Those well-worn words impart.

4-Discard each vengeful hope that's fed  
The dreams of wars you'll win,  
Then freely ask for daily bread  
And pardon from your sin.

2-Dismiss the fear that this world drifts  
With no one in command.  
Your pulse and breath are signs and gifts  
From God's attentive hand.

5-Examine how temptation breeds  
Inside the mind's dark maze,  
Acknowledging that your life needs  
Deliverance from its ways.

3-Refine and test each passing aim  
Against this final one:  
Has your life hallowed heaven's name  
And has God's will been done?

6-By faithful discipline prepare  
An inward holy space  
That when you offer Jesus' prayer  
Your heart may fill with grace.

## \*Litany of Faith

- L: In praying to God, we are to call God by all of God's names so that God will know how much we appreciate him and are aware of God's majesty and power. Our God is a jealous God so we must be careful to bring honor to him.
- P: When we pray, we are to say, "Father, holy is your name."**
- L: God wants us to be honest in our prayers - to ask for all the things our hearts desire.
- P: Seek God's kingdom in the HERE and NOW. God wants to know what we need to become faithful disciples – daily sustenance so that we will be able to serve others - and forgiveness for all the times in which we have failed to do God's will or hurt others.**
- L: There may be times when we wonder why we would need forgiveness. We haven't always done what is right, but people haven't always done right by us either. And so, at times we may feel like we just returned the favor, and they got what they deserved.
- P: Holy God, imprint your love on our hearts that we might be more loving to others, for you are the source of all that is, and we owe our lives to you, and so, in gratitude, we lift our voices in prayer to you.**

**A:** *Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. May we help to bring in your kingdom and help us to do your will each and every day. Provide for our needs and we ask for forgiveness for all, that we might forgive others and that others might forgive us. And when we face trials, O Lord, help us persevere through them. Loving God, we fully recognize that your kingdom, all the power in creation and the glory belong completely to you, now and forever. Amen.*

### 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 give you thanks for all the blessings you bestow upon us. Help us to use our gifts wisely and they would bring honor to your name. Amen.*

## Going Out to Serve

### Hymn # 315

### *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

**Refrain:** *Every time I feel the Spirit  
Moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit  
Moving in my heart I will pray.*

*2-Jordan river, chilly and cold,  
It chills the body but not the soul.  
There is but one train upon this track;  
It runs to heaven and then right back.      **R***

*1-Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,  
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine.  
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.      **R***

### Blessing

**L:** Go forth into the world rejoicing in the Holy Spirit.

**P:** *May the Spirit fill and renew you and may grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

### 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.*