

*CHORAL RESPONSE.....Haugen
Amen

POSTLUDE.....Raney
To God Be the Glory

(Please be seated for the Postlude or exit the sanctuary quietly while the Postlude is being played.)

*Those who are able, please stand.

Bringing forward the communion elements this morning are
Jonathan Griffith and Madeleine Miller.

Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship.
Children's worship folders are available in the Narthex.
Should you find that your child grows restless, there is childcare available in the nursery for ages 3 and under.

Welcome!

Whether you are a long-time member, occasional worshiper, or new visitor with us, we hope that in this service you will encounter the living Christ and be strengthened by God's promises for you. Please visit our website at covenantpresstaunton.org to learn more about our ministries and Covenant life together. We are happy to have you as part of our church family today!

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

Striving to be Faithful Disciples of Christ:
Worshiping with Joy, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love

OCTOBER 6, 2024
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

10:30 AM

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please silence any mobile devices.
This service is live streamed on Facebook.

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE.....Organ
Earth and All Stars

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT.....CANTAI AO SENHOR
O Sing to the Lord

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 26)

Leader: Sing to the Lord a song of thanksgiving!

People: Tell of all God's wondrous deeds!

Leader: The Lord is gracious! God's steadfast love never ends!

People: Bless the Lord, for the Lord our God is awesome!

*HYMNSee inside back cover of hymnal
Creative and Creating God



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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creative and Creating God, all things and all people are the work of your hands. Forgive us for thinking ourselves the creators instead of creations. We confess that often we are oblivious to the wonder of it all. We take for granted the world you have made, our lives, and your presence with us. We betray your trust in failing to meet the needs of our neighbors, and we selfishly use and abuse the earth's resources entrusted to our care. Lord, forgive us. Open our eyes and ears to the wonder of this world you have made, and inspire us to be better stewards, more compassionate caregivers, and faithful disciples. Lord, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – Hymn 2176

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.**

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — Those who prefer their child(ren) not be on camera are welcome to have their child(ren) continue sitting with them during this time. (Following the Children's Message, children ages 3-1st grade are invited to exit the sanctuary for Covenant Kids.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING.....Pg. 605 of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible Psalm 8*

SECOND READING.....Pg. 264 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible Hebrews 1:1-3*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....**JOHN PETERSON**

"THE MUSIC OF CREATION"

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again

from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*HYMN No. 22.....ROEDER

God of the Sparrow

SERVING IN LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (...“sins”)

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY.....John Rutter

Angus Dei

PRAYER

HYMN No. 526 (Stanzas 1 & 2).....*Let Us Talents and Tongue Employ*

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Refrain: Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound! (2x)**

**Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
Refrain**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(We will partake of the Communion elements together after all are served.)

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 641.....ENGELBERG

When in Our Music God is Glorified

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

(Order of Worship continued on back page)

HYMN

Creative and Creating God

***Creative and creating God,
You scattered stars in space.
Carved out the mountains, molded sod,
set continents in place.
In times of long past you filled the seas,
and traced each river's flow.
With rainstorm, sun, and cooling breeze
You urged all things to grow.***

***In love You have created all,
for harmony and peace.
Through saintly souls we hear your call
as challenges in crease.
So teach us to appreciate,
in voices calm and clear,
All things' both plain and intricate,
since all to You are dear.***

***Each in our way, we creatures sing,
our never-ending praise;
birds warble carols on the wing,
and choirs their anthems raise.
So may our lives be one great song,
resounding in this place,
reflecting, echoing along
the music of your grace.***

HYMN No. 22

God of the Sparrow

***God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise***

***God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save***

***God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks***

***God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life***

***God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace***

***God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home***

HYMN No. 641

When in Our Music God is Glorified

***When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!***

***How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!***

***So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!***

***And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!***

***Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!***