

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Sunday, eleven o'clock 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26, 2009

Ritual of Friendship and Congregational Opportunities

(Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Please sign the attendance pads at the end of the pew and turn off cell phones.)

Gathering in God's Name

Sounding of the Hour

Prelude *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* arr.: Janet Vogt

*Call to Worship

Leader: What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward us?

People: We shall take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Prayer for the Day

*Hymn of Praise # 464 *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we confess that we have praised you with our lips
but have not glorified you with our lives.**

**Have mercy on us, we pray, for our brief faith that fades under pressure,
for our quick enthusiasms that just as quickly die,
for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue.**

**Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in your power,
that we may live for justice and tell of your loving kindness
by our acts as by our words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response # 139 (stanza 3) *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

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Hearing the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading pg. 284 2 Samuel 11:1-15

Anthem *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* Gilbert Martin
(Text can be found in Hymn # 403)

Children's Moments

***Gateway to Worship*

*Hymn of Preparation # 366

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

Gospel Reading pg. 97

John 6:1-21

Sermon

Pop Quiz

Rev. Sharon Amstutz

Responding Faithfully to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (pg. 14 – Traditional Version)

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"* Hans Leo Hassler

*Doxology # 138, stanza 4 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky
and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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*Prayer of Dedication

Going Out to Serve

*Hymn of Consecration # 452 *"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"*

*Benediction

*Sending Response # 535 *"Go with Us, Lord"*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

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*Postlude *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* arr.: Janet Vogt

*(For some, the Postlude serves as festive music to accompany their going back out into
the world. Others prefer to remain seated and listen. Those departing can help those
who listen by holding their joyful greeting of others until they reach the narthex.)*

*For those who are able, please stand.

****Gateway to Worship** is our worship program for 4-year olds through first graders. The Gateway leader will take the children to their classroom in the Fellowship Hall after the Children's Moments.

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WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad you are here. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join with us in service to Christ.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday. Take time this week to prepare yourself in prayer and meditation.



The **August Courier** can be found on the table in the narthex. **Help us save postage!** Be sure to pick up your copy! (If you are a regular visitor, **please look for your copy, too!**) If you would like to begin receiving your newsletter **via e-mail**, please fill out the green form on the table in the Narthex or call Tina 282-5324 or send her an e-mail at cpcjctn@mounet.com .

IT'S NOW OR NEVER! All right all you HOUND DOGS – this week is our **last Covenant Summer Night** for 2009 and it's an **Elvis celebration**. So, lace up your BLUE SUEDE SHOES and come on down to the HEARTBREAK HOTEL (a.k.a., the Fellowship Hall) at **6:00 p.m. Wednesday** for dinner (Peanut butter and banana sandwiches?) and games. We promise that you'll get ALL SHOOK UP. DON'T BE CRUEL – bring a side dish or dessert.

Please note that due to all of the activities this month, the July 26th **ConneX service** has been cancelled. Please join us for the next ConneX service, which will be held on **Sunday, August 23rd**.

Today at Covenant

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| Morning Greeter: | Jim Starr |
| Liturgist: | Fred Dulin |
| Acolytes: | Julia Hagelberg & Carolee Mabe |
| Chimer: | Kalli Dulin |
| Gateway: | Valerie Robertson |
| Nursery: | Matt Cary |

Church Staff:

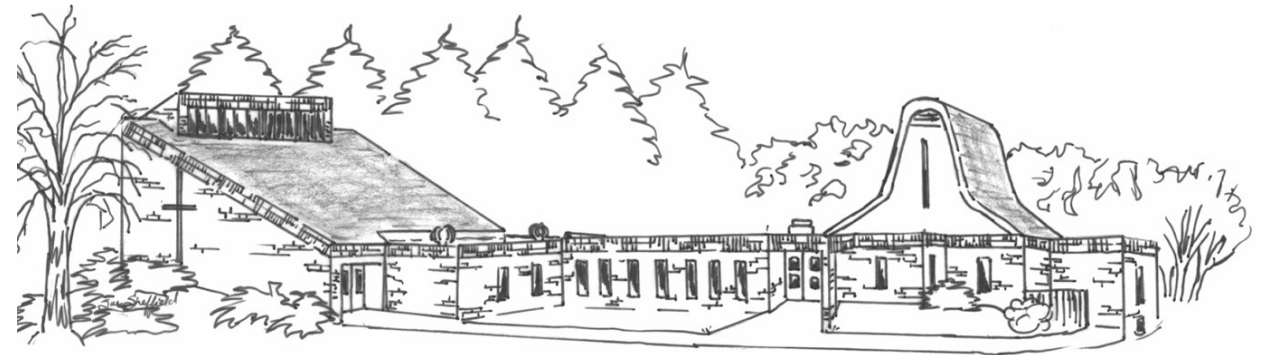
Pastor: Rev. Sharon H. Amstutz, cpcjctn_pastor@mounet.com
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People in our Prayers

Peter Block, Jean Merriss, Harriette Carr, Charlotte Croft (granddaughter of Cheryl & Tommy Rice), The Slawson Family, Ed & Marie Britt, Pat Adams, Karen Kornweibel & Daniel Newcomer (friends of Phyllis Thompson), Bill Bader (Steve's brother), Joan Vick (Carson Vick's mother), Stephanie Muncie (friend of Hines family), Shelly Thornton (Gwen Hunter's cousin's 4-year old granddaughter), Missionaries Les & Cindy Morgan, Barbara King, Barbara Thompson England (Phyllis Thompson's sister), Corrine Broyles, Julia Trifeletti, Jarrod Cox (grandson of Sam Cox), Aneita Carr, Agnes Plank, Helene Herbert

If you know of other reasons for rejoicing or concerns you would like to share with others please complete a prayer card with your requests.

“Lord, in the full assembly
I will praise you for what you have done.”
Psalm 22:25



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