

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

Sunday, eleven o'clock Day of Pentecost May 31, 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

#### Choral Introit

*"God of the Ages"*

Youth Choir

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Why have we come?

**People: To worship God.**

Leader: Who has come?

**People: The people of God assembled by the Spirit of God.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

#### \*Prayer for the Day

#### \*Hymn of Praise # 128

*"On Pentecost They Gathered"*

#### \*Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we confess that we have failed to live as we should.**

**We sin in what we do, as well as what we fail to do.**

**We take advantage of others and act out of selfishness instead of selflessness.**

**We fail to stand up for the weak and to love the unlovable.**

**Help us Lord. Give us strength and mold us as the potter molds the clay.**

**Help us to be what you created us to be.**

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

#### \*Congregational Response # 106 (refrain)

*"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

## Hearing the Word of God

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### Gospel Reading pg. 103

John 10:7-10

#### Anthem

*"He Comes to Us"*

Schweitzer/Marshall

He comes to us as one unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside He came,  
He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us, He speaks the same word:  
"Follow! follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.

He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple,

He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.

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#### Children's Moments

*\*\*Gateway to Worship*

#### \*Hymn of Preparation # 131

*"Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow"*

New Testament Reading pg. 119

#### Sermon

Abundance

Acts 2:1-12

Matthew Sweeney

## Responding Faithfully to God's Word

\***Affirmation of Faith** Based on the Christian Church tradition – Peter's confession (Mt 16:15-16)

Leader: Jesus asked them, "Who do you say that I am?"

**People: I believe that you are the Christ, the son of the living God.**

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Austin Arthur Smith

Leader: Why do we baptize?

**People: Because Jesus instructed his disciples to baptize, and because Jesus himself was baptized by John in the waters of the river Jordan, we celebrate this sacrament among the people whom God has called. Through baptism we are adopted and welcomed into God's family. In these waters we share in the dying and rising of Jesus, who washes away all our sins. We are made one with Christ and one with all who are joined to Christ in the Church.**

Leader: So let us remember with joy our own baptism even as we celebrate this sacrament today.

#### \*Baptismal Affirmation

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

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#### Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

#### Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

#### Offertory

#### \*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 # 524

*"Holy Spirit, Lord of Love"*

#### \*Benediction

**\*Sending Response** (from red hymnal)

*“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”*

God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

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**\*Postlude**

*(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.)*

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\*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.

*Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after worship, where we will have a reception for our departing Youth Minister, Matthew Sweeney, and his wife, Stephanie.*

Lee and Becky Smith are presenting their son, Austin Arthur Smith, this morning for infant baptism. Austin is the grandson of Gary & Anne Smith. Elder Gary Smith is assisting Rev. Amstutz.

This morning we are receiving the **2009 Pentecost Offering**. Forty percent of this offering will be given to IHN for the purchase of a van. The remaining 60 percent supports mission at a national level through child advocacy (10 percent), youth ministry (25 percent) and Young Adult Volunteer opportunities (25 percent). Please give generously.

**Today at Covenant**

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Liturgist:	Sharon Amstutz
Youth Choir Director:	Anne Smith
Acolytes:	Kalli Dulin & Linden Hillhouse
Chimer:	Cameron Hopkins
Gateway:	Matt Cary
Nursery:	Erma Hyers