

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

Sunday, eleven o'clock      27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time      October 4, 2009

World Communion Sunday

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

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness.  
Come into God's presence with singing!

**People: For the Lord is a gracious God,  
whose mercy is everlasting;  
And whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

#### \*Hymn of Praise # 162

*"O Lord, Our God, How Excellent"*

#### \*Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession

Leader: When we think too highly of ourselves and forget that we are but dust,

**People: forgive us, God of mercy.**

Leader: When we think too lowly of ourselves and forget that you love us  
beyond our understanding,

**People: forgive us, God of mercy.**

Leader: When we treat others without grace; when we overlook those who need care;  
when we hurt those whom we love;

**People: forgive us, God of mercy.**

Leader: When we take your love for granted, or fail to heed your gracious commandments,  
or act according to our own wills and not yours,

**People: forgive us, God of mercy.**

Leader: Forgive us and free us merciful God.

Remind us of the love you give us through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Teach us to live righteously

doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you, our God.

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

from Psalm 103

#### \*Congregational Response # 396 (stanza 4)

*"O for a Closer Walk with God"*

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame

So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

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## Hearing the Word of God

### Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading pg. 453

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

### Anthem

*"Come, Share this Feast of Love"*

Lloyd Larson

Here is my body that's broken for you. Come, share this feast of love. Here is the blood that I shed for you. Come, share this feast of love. Here is the life that I lived for you. Come, share this feast of love. Here is the life that I gave for you. Come, come share this feast of love. Come in prayer. Bring your pain; bring your care. Come in prayer. Come, my child, and share. Here is the peace that your soul has sought. Come, share this feast of love. Here is the peace that my dying bought. Come, share this feast of love.

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### Children's Moments

*\*\*Gateway to Worship*

Gospel Reading pg. 46

Mark 10:2-16

### Sermon

Pharisees Test  
Children are Blessed

Rev. Sharon Amstutz

## Responding to God's Word

### \*Affirmation of Faith

from The Belgic Confession

Leader: What do you believe about the Church of Christ?

**People: We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church –  
a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers.**

Leader: What binds them all together?

**People: They await their entire salvation in Jesus Christ,  
are washed by his blood, and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: How big is this church?

**People: This holy church is not confined, bound,  
or limited to a certain place or certain persons.  
But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world,  
though still joined and united in heart and will,  
in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith.**

### Service of Welcome

#### Unison Prayer:

**Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever...**

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

#### \*Communion Hymn # 514

*"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

### Going Out to Serve

\*Commitment Hymn # 555

*"O Now Thank We All Our God"*

\*Benediction

\*Sending Response # 371 (refrain only)

*"Lift High the Cross"*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,

Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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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 in the library immediately after worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*

The **5-Cents-a-Meal Offering** will be received during the final hymn. You are asked to consider giving 5 cents for each meal you have eaten last month (or any amount you wish) to help feed those who are hungry. This offering supports both local and global hunger programs.

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



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