

**GREETING**

This is the day the Lord has made!  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Jerry Nagel

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

**SOUNDING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.  
**People: We gather, alive to the Word of God.**  
Leader: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,  
ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.  
**People: We listen, alive to the Word of God.**  
Leader: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,  
sometimes startling and unexpected,  
sometimes still and quiet,  
but always dwelling among us.  
**People: We watch and wait for the Word of God.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 489** “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and merciful God,**  
**in your presence we confess**  
**our sinfulness, our shortcomings,**  
**and our offenses against you.**  
**You alone know how often we have sinned**  
**in wandering from your ways,**  
**in wasting your gifts,**  
**in forgetting your love.**  
**Have mercy on us, O Lord,**  
**for we are ashamed and sorry**  
**for all we have done to displease you.**  
**Forgive our sins,**  
**and help us to live in your light,**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 579** “Glory Be to the Father”

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL READING** pg. 34 Matthew 28:16-20

**ANTHEM** “How Lovely are the Messengers” Felix Mendelssohn  
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!  
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,  
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.  
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**\*\*Gateway to Worship**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 393** “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** pg. 194 Ephesians 4:11-15

**SERMON** The Strange Logic of Grace Cheryl Rice

**RESPONDING 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**

**\*Doxology # 592** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN OF CONSECRATION # 388** “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING RESPONSE # 525** (refrain only) “Here I Am, Lord”

**\*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.)*

\*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 summer refreshments.*

This morning we welcome **Cheryl Rice** to the pulpit. Cheryl is a commissioned lay pastor in Holston Presbytery and an elder here at Covenant. We thank Cheryl for filling in so that Sharon can spend a few days out of town with her family. (Sharon will be back in the office on Tuesday.)

Covenant’s former pianist, **Amy G. Jones**, is our accompanist this morning.

**Living Waters for the World**

We will receive the **Living Waters for the World Offering this morning.** Living Waters for the World, the mission project of the Synod of Living Waters, is a mission resource that trains and equips regular folks in all types of churches and other organizations to bring the gift of clean water to their brothers and sisters in need. Through this project, Presbyterians are coming to be known as “the water people”. What a wonderful way to show that Jesus Christ is the Living Water for our bodies and our souls. Please give generously.

**Communion**

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

**PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS**

Bob & Estelle Armistead, Peter Block, the Breeden family, Rose Willis, Bob Sobol, Roger Hecht, Gary Smith, Chris Adler Hillhouse, Laura Larkey Boy (friend of Butch & Harriette Carr), Steve Bader, Pat Adams, Jean Freeman (Bill's mother), Helen Davis, Elva McCartt, Marvin Parker (Evelyn Kemp's cousin), Ed & Marie Britt, Corrine Broyles, Julia Trifiletti, 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.*

**TODAY AT COVENANT**

Morning Greeter: Jim Starr  
Pianist: Amy G. Jones  
Acolytes: Drew Amstutz & Julia Hagelberg  
Chimer: Philip Hagelberg  
Gateway: Matt Cary  
Nursery: Nancy Hart  
Coffee Hosts: The Sutter Family

**CHURCH STAFF:**

Pastor: Rev. Sharon H. Amstutz  
Director of Youth Ministry: Andy Irvin  
Choir Director: Randy Adams  
Pianist: Jennifer Palmer  
Secretary: Tina Simon  
Financial Secretary: Anne Webb  
Custodian: Marie Britt

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

Today, June 27  
9:00a Chime Rehearsal  
Tuesday, June 29  
7:30p Al-Anon Meeting  
Wednesday, June 30  
**4:30p Men's Day at the Lake**  
7:30p Choir Practice  
Thursday, July 1  
8:00a Men's Bible Study  
9:30a Women in the Bible  
Noon Al-Anon Meeting  
Saturday, July 3  
**6:00p July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

**The Newsletter**

The **July Courier** can be found on the table in the narthex. **Help us save postage! Be sure to pick up your copy!**

**Men's Day at the Lake – Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Sign up in the Narthex now!** We will enjoy the great summer tradition of water sports and cooking out at the Hart's cabin with plenty of activities for all. Grilled meats and beverages will be provided, but please plan on bringing something to share. Please contact any member of the Congregational Life Committee with any questions. (no rain date)

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration – SATURDAY, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Covenant's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>,** to coincide with Johnson City's fireworks display. Grills will be lit between 6:15 & 6:30. Hamburgers, hot dogs, paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic eating utensils, lemonade, sweet tea will be provided. **Sign up in the Narthex** to bring buns, potato salad, cole slaw, chili and other side dishes and desserts! Come and enjoy the fellowship! If you have any questions, call Butch Carr at 202-1650.

**Worship in the Park – Sunday, July 11, 2010**

This year, our worship will be at the Meredith Pavilion in **Winged Deer Park** on Boone Lake. **Worship** plans will be similar to previous outdoor worship services and will be held **from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** Lunch and outdoor activities will follow. Lunch will be different this year – look for details next week and in the July Courier. Directions to the pavilion will be made available. Please plan to join us at the park!

**Covenant's "To Do" List**

In last month's Courier, the Property Committee made an announcement about various jobs in the building needing some attention. The committee has now posted **on the wall** in the Narthex hallway a listing of these interior church property jobs – some small, some larger – for anyone interested in helping the committee make a dent in the job list. Once the job task has been completed, please mark on the list when it was completed and by whom. Thank you for the voluntary assistance!

**Sunday School**

**Sunday School plans through the summer:**

- We will conclude our regularly scheduled youth and children's Sunday School classes on June 27 (today).
- **Summer Sunday School** will be held with consolidated elementary and middle school / high school classes from **July 4 through August 1.**
- There will be no Sunday School on July 11 (Worship in the Park).

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13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 27, 2010  
Sunday, eleven o'clock

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Everlasting God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being:  
You have made us for yourself,  
so that our hearts are restless  
until they rest in you.  
Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,  
that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,  
no weakness keep us from doing it;  
that in your light we may see light clearly,  
and in your service find perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.