

## GREETING

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

## RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

## SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

## PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 95:6-7; 133

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.  
It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.  
Come, let us all worship and bow down together,  
**People: Let us kneel together before the LORD, our maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 423

*"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Across the barriers that divide race from race:  
**People: reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**  
Leader: Across the barriers that divide rich from poor:  
**People: reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**  
Leader: Across the barriers that divide people of different cultures:  
**People: reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**  
Leader: Across the barriers that divide Christians:  
**People: reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross and at this table.**  
Leader: Make us one in genuine love and mutual trust.  
Make us many in gifts and talents and vision. **Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

based on 1 Peter 2:9-10

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 576

*"Gloria, Gloria"*

### HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Pour out your Spirit on us again,  
as your Word is proclaimed,  
that we may be faithful to our baptismal calling,  
hunger for the bread of heaven,  
and serve the poor of your people and all who need your love,  
**People: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Deborah Lewis

\*\*Gateway to Worship

## GOSPEL READING pg. 109

John 15:1-14

## SERMON

Abide in My Love  
Rev. Probe Augustin Mukendi Kabongo

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Heidelberg Catechism

Leader: What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?  
**People: I believe that the Son of God  
through his Spirit and Word,  
out of the entire human race,  
from the beginning of the world to its end,  
gathers, protects, and preserves for himself  
a community chosen for eternal life  
and united in true faith.  
And of this community I am and always will be  
a living member.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

### \*COMMUNION HYMN # 514

*"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Bill Hyers

Invitation to the Lord's Table <sup>+</sup>

Leader: Friends, this is the joyful feast of unity. Christ has gathered  
his people around the earth to commune at this table. Across  
political lines and economic lines, in places of powerfully  
protected affluence, and among the poorest of the poor, we  
share a meal, remembering and celebrating the One who  
proved shalom possible.  
And so, come: you from the East and you from the West,  
from the North and from the South. Come. Come with your  
doubts, come with your hopes, come with your inadequacies  
and with your strengths.

**People: Come, for this is a table where all are invited  
and all are welcome.**

Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

Leader: Great God of creation:  
From the soil of the earth,  
you have formed us in your image.  
We are a symphony of languages, a mosaic of customs,  
and a medley of flavors;  
we are your grand design and desire for humanity.

**People: We remember that at creation,  
you brought life out of chaos  
and began the great act of salvation.  
You created a wild and beautiful world,  
drawing up mountains and laying out plains;  
a world dripping with humid jungle  
and scorched with parched desert.**

Leader: You created a world of enough.  
You fed us manna and quail in the desert,  
bread and fish with leftovers at the seaside.  
By your Word, you fed us the bread of life  
and offered us living water.  
And in your presence at this table,  
we stand as recipients of these gracious acts of shalom.

**People: You created a world of compassion.  
You mandated jubilee,  
calling your people to a life of generous commonality.  
You dared our enemies to throw stones  
if they could find no sin within.  
You hear our ugly thoughts and still call us beloved.**

Leader: Great Spirit of life and unity:  
Through this simple meal, draw us together.  
Renew our minds, reframe our thoughts,  
and reorient our hearts to beat with the rhythm  
of our call to shalom-making.  
Reshape our understanding so that when we remember Jesus,  
we remember him as he was,  
rather than as we want him to be.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

<sup>+</sup> *Parts of this liturgy have been adapted and modified from a Communion  
liturgy written by Rev. Laura Mariko Cheifetz, PC(U.S.A.), and Rev. Jose  
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### GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \*COMMITMENT HYMN # 440

*"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*SENDING RESPONSE # 432

*"Song of Hope"*

### \*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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**Just a Reminder: Large-print Hymnals are available in the sanctuary.**

**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.

### **5 Cents a Meal Offering**

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.

### **After Church Lunch – Today at 12:30 p.m.**

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship today for After Church Lunch. In keeping with the Peacemaking theme, Lynnea Hunter will speak on her experiences as a Young Adult Volunteer in Northern Ireland. We look forward to sharing this fellowship opportunity with you!

### **International Peacemaker at Covenant**

This morning we welcome the **Rev. Probe Augustin Mukendi Kabongo** to the pulpit. The Rev. Mukendi graduated from the Sheppards and Lapsley University seminary in Kananga, DR Congo, and has been a pastor at Dikongayi Church since completing his seminary studies. He has been the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery of Tshibashi since 2001. He is also the co-founder and current CPC Coordinator for APCS (Presbyterian Action Against HIV/AIDS) and has traveled throughout Congo providing AIDS prevention and education with SANRU, a national community health and development organization and also with Training for Transformation, a Global Health Action program that focuses on women's issues and community development. The Rev. Mukendi has been married for 16 years and has three biological daughters ages 15, 14 and 9 as well as three adopted children (1 girl and 2 boys ages 18, 13, and 10).

### **Peacemaking Offering – Sunday, October 3**

This morning we celebrate World Communion with Christians around the world and commit ourselves to working for the unity of the church and peace of Christ through our gifts to the Peacemaking Offering. Covenant will retain 25 percent of the Offering to be divided equally between Range School in Carter County and the Magill Memorial Presbyterian Church Youth Outreach Program. The other 75 percent will help our partners in the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly as they work on behalf of God's peacemaking throughout the world.

### **Please Note:**

The pastor is away on continuing education **until Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. She is not reachable by phone or e-mail. If you have an emergency during this time, please contact the church office at 282-5324 or Andrea Sutter at 773-5602.

### **PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS**

The family of Bob Sobol, Jim Crandall, Roger Hecht, Patricia Chafin (former member of Covenant), John Brumit (Betsy Moakler's brother), Max Wilson, Helen Davis, Pat Adams, Vi Block & her family, Bob & Estelle Armistead, Rose Willis, Elva McCartt, Chris Adler Hillhouse, Arthur "Bud" & Eileen Kelsey (friends of Butch & Harriette Carr), Marvin Parker (Evelyn Kemp's cousin), Ed & Marie Britt, Corrine Broyles, Julia Trifiletti, Aneita Carr, Agnes Plank  
*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.*

### **Fall Color in the High Country – Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)**

Details and sign-up sheet for this event at Holston Presbytery Camp are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We will leave Covenant at 9:30 a.m.

### **TODAY AT COVENANT:**

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Liturgist:	Jerry Nagel
Acolytes:	Kalli Dulin & Grace Madden
Chimer:	Carolee Mabe
Gateway:	Kathi Cary
Nursery:	Andrea Sutter

### **CHURCH STAFF:**

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

### **THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:**

<u>Today, October 3</u>	
9:00a	Chime Choir Rehearsal
9:45a	Sunday School in Sanctuary
12:30p	After Church Lunch
<u>Monday, October 4</u>	
10:30a	Melting Pot
<u>Tuesday, October 5</u>	
<b>9:30a</b>	<b>Fall Color in the High Country (Holston Center)</b>
7:00p	Congregational Life Committee Meeting
7:00p	Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00p	Worship Committee Meeting
7:30p	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Wednesday, October 6</u>	
<b>5:00p</b>	<b>WNL!</b>
7:30p	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday, October 7</u>	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
9:30a	Women in the Bible
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting

### **YOU HAVE MAIL:**

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World Communion Sunday  
October 3, 2010  
Sunday, eleven o'clock

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Triune God,  
you have called us to live in unity with each other  
and with our brothers and sisters around the world.  
Help us to sense that our love for Jesus binds us together.

May our worship today be a witness  
to the kind of unity that comes only  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.