



Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.



2 Corinthians 13:11

New Covenant Presbyterian Church
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The Worship of God

June 4, 2023 Trinity Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing Our Vision

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude ...



*Most of us spend more time **sitting** in chairs than **thinking about** chairs, but perhaps we devote even more time to **hunting for** the perfect chair. There's a whole book about that pursuit – "Now I Sit Me Down" by architect, Witold Rybczynski. He explains that the history of chairs is a social history – of different ways of sitting, of changing manners and attitudes and of varying tastes. He also says that the search for the perfect chair will never end, because humans aren't built to sit. He said, "We are good at walking and running, and we are happy lying down. But it is the in-between position that is the problem."*

A pastor, while visiting an active retired couple, noticed that both of them were almost always busy at some project. When the pastor commented about their activity level, the man replied, "When my brother retired at 65, he went out on the front porch and sat down. That's where he was most of the time. And within three years, he was dead. I don't think we're made to sit for long." Consider the impact this frame of mind has on the Great Commission disciples of Christ are given.

Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

- Based on Psalm 8

L: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

P: **You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants, you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.**

A: **Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

L: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

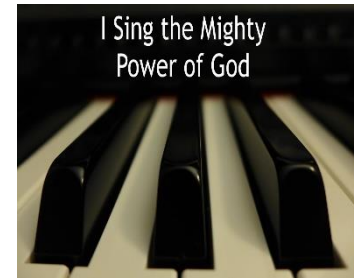
A: **Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

L: You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet.

A: **Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Hymn # 288*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

*1-I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*



*2-I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies!*

*3-There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, but order from thy throne;
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.*

Prayer of Confession

We enjoy our participation in the community of faith, O God, for then we are living as you create us to live and we are the most healthy in body, mind and spirit. And yet, it is too easy for us to fall away and withdraw from you and our sisters and brothers in faith. Then we become weak and our lives are misdirected. Forgive us when we have avoided your presence, resisted your grace and love, and separated ourselves from the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and the Body of Christ. Restore us to wholeness in the security of your divine presence that we may know the joy of being your children once more. And now, holy God, we turn to you in a time of silent prayer.....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the Good News: You are not obliged to continue living as your human nature leads you, succumbing to your lower nature.

P: ***All of us who open ourselves to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit have the possibility of living for Christ as children of God.***

L: *Friends, believe in Jesus Christ and the forgiveness we receive through him, and give thanks by the way you live.*

P: ***Amen!***



Meeting God in the Word

Children's Message

First Lesson *Matt. 28: 16-20* *The Commissioning of the Disciples* *Lay Leader*



Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P:** *Thanks be to God.*

Second Reading *II Cor. 13: 11-13* *Final Greetings & a Benediction* *Carol*

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.



L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P:** *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon *Living in God-Shaped Community*

Responding to the Word

Hymn # 374 *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

*1-Lord, make us servants of your peace;
Where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where there is hurt, may we forgive;
Where there is strife, may we make one.*

*3-Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
To be consoled, but to console,
Nor look to understanding hearts,
But look for hearts to understand.*

*2-Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
Where all is night, may we sow light;
Where all is tears, may we sow joy.*

*4-May we not look for love's return,
But seek to love unselfishly,
For in our giving we receive,
And in for giving are forgiven.*

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
The Celebration of Our Gifts

Our heavenly Father, every good and perfect gift comes from you. We recognize that all we've been given is a blessing from our Father who loves us. As we bring our offerings to you this morning, we do so humbly. We know we wouldn't have gifts to bring if it weren't for your blessing and generosity toward us. And so we come to bless and give generously back to you. May our offerings be pleasing to you and come from pure and grateful hearts. And may all that we give be used to further your kingdom. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving



Going Out to Serve

Hymn # 386

O For a World

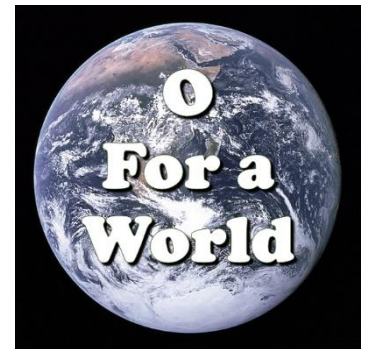
*1-O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
 Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*2-O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
 Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

*3-We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
 That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*

*4-The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise,
 Tell all who mourn; outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.*

*5-O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
 Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.*



Blessing

L: Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice!

P: *We will strive for full restoration of the family of God, encouraging one another and we will be of one mind and live in peace.*

L: And the God of love and peace will be with us all. May the blessings...

Response *He is Lord – He is Lord. He has risen from the dead, and he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.*