



New Covenant Presbyterian Church
July 17, 2022

10:00am Service



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The Worship of God

July 17, 2022 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Leader: Donna Casey

Sharing Our Vision

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude ...



Our gospel lesson today is the ever-familiar story of Mary and Martha. This story is compact and radical. It communicates that Christ's rule is different from the world's exercise of power. Like the parable of the Good Samaritan, this story is found only in Luke. The New Revised Standard Version implies that Martha was distracted "by her many tasks," and that Mary sat at the feet of Jesus, listening to him teach. The Greek text says that Martha was also listening to his teaching, but she got up to tend to her duties, in addition to listening. We all can understand the interference of distractions and feeling torn by them. May God lead us to prioritize our lives in a way that honors the One who made us for a distinct purpose.

Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: *And also with you.*

L: Hear the proclamation of Christ,

P: *In whom the Word of God is fully known.*

A: *Thanks be to God for Christ who helps us to know our God personally.*

Hymn # 220

All People That On Earth Do Dwell
Sung to the tune #423 - *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

*1-All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.*

*2- Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.*

3-O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

4-For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood.
And shall from age to age endure.

Prayer of Confession

Lay Leader

Patient and loving God, you wait for us to sort out our priorities. Too often, we are busy with trivialities, amused with the incidental, and not attentive to the eternal. Forgive this failure to prepare for ultimate communion with you. Turn us from our selfish ways and toward your vision for our lives. And now, holy God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgiveness.....Amen.



Assurance of Pardon:

L: Hear the Good News: God has chosen to make known to you the mystery of the glory of Christ.

P: ***The Spirit within us blesses our lives and we pray for further enrichment.***

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel -

P: ***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.***

Meeting God in the Word

Children's Message

First Lesson

Colossians 1: 15-28

The Supremacy of Christ

Lay Leader



He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in

everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and

hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him - provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

Special Music

Second Lesson

Luke 10: 38-42 Jesus Visits Mary and Martha

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Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and

distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

Sermon

The Better Part

Responding to the Word

***Hymn # 767 G2G**

Together We Serve

*1-Together we serve, united by love,
Inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
Extending God's love to the last and the least.*

2-We seek to become a beacon of hope,
A lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
Until we see Christ in each person we meet.

3-We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
The busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
Our hand quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

4-Together, by grace, we witness and work,
Remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
Remembering love is the strength of our song.



*Litany of Faith

L: Glory be to God, our Creator!

P: ***How wonderful are your works, O Spirit, who dwells around and within us. You form our inward parts; you knit together us in our mothers' wombs.***

L: Glory be to Christ, our Redeemer!

P: ***How wonderful are your works, O God, who dwells among us. You transform our inward hearts; you show us how to be born again.***

L: Glory be to the Spirit, our Sustainer!

P: ***How wonderful are your works, O Christ, who dwells within us. You teach and transform our worldly minds; you tell us that the kingdom of God belongs to all those who are children of God.***

L: Glory be to our triune God. May we be ever faithful to your purposes.

P: ***Holy God, how wonderful is all that you do. Form us into your body, knitting together all the members of the Body of Christ.***

A: ***O God, we praise you for all that you have done, and for all that we shall become, as your faithful disciples.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus *I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet. And anytime I don't know what to do, I case all my cares upon you.*

The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication: Let these offerings and all of our gifts be made in the awareness that we are here to be used by God, as well as in all the places where our gifts might be even better used for God's purposes, given reverently and in love, going where they might do the most good. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Going Out to Serve

Hymn #

To God Be the Glory

1-To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in. **R**

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory: great things he has done!

2-Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **R**



Blessing

L: Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,

P: *And all these things shall be added unto us.*

L: Go out into the world in peace.

P: *We will love and serve the Lord with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

L: And may the blessings of God the Father, Son, and Spirit be with you today and forevermore.

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.*