



## New Covenant Presbyterian Church

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10:00am Service



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# The Worship of God

## June 5, 2022 Pentecost Sunday

**Welcome and Announcements**

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**Sharing Our Vision**

**Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude ...**

*“Table Talk” or “Dinner Conversation” is the richest, most powerful language experience of your child’s life. Just for starters, researchers have found that talking to children during dinner is even better than reading to them as a way to boost their vocabulary. Even more importantly, the stories told around the table may be the best way to build a sense of resilience and foster optimism in your children.*

*Dinner table conversation has special qualities that make it different from talk we have at other times such as while carpooling or while tucking kids in at bedtime. Research indicates that, on average, children bring up about six different topics at dinner, so conversation tends to be interesting and varied. Also, families who eat together expect that children will sit and talk for more than a few minutes and each topic usually gets input from several members, so there are multiple viewpoints expressed. This exposure to multiple points of view engages kids in complex thinking and can encourage tolerance for opinions different from one’s own.*



*So, if encouraging your children or grandchildren to take part in “table talk” garners such positive results, what about faith conversations around the table? There’s no doubt that gratitude and generosity are qualities that are cultivated by spending time together with faith partners. If we honestly believe that our lives are like pitchers which are overflowing with good news, why wouldn’t we want to share this Good News? Just like the first disciples learned from watching Jesus, people can learn from observing our lives as well. And what a wonder it is to think that God might use us to draw others into a faith relationship with our Creator!*

## Preparing to Meet God

**Call to Worship**

**L:** We gather this morning as the people of God,

**P:** *To give praise and thanksgiving for our God.*

**L:** As God breathed life into creation,

**P:** **Let the Holy Spirit breathe new life into us.**

**L:** Open our ears to hear your Word;

**P:** *Open our hearts that we would be shaped by your Word.*

**A:** **Let us worship the Lord our God!**

## Hymn # 142

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

1-All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
 Let angels prostrate fall;  
 Bring forth the royal diadem,  
 And crown him Lord of all!  
 Bring forth the royal diadem,  
 And crown him Lord of all!

2-Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
 Ye ransomed from the fall,  
 Hail him who save you by his grace,  
 And crown him Lord of all!  
 Hail him who save you by his grace,  
 And crown him Lord of all!

3-Let every kindred, every tribe,  
 On this terrestrial ball,  
 To him all majesty ascribe,  
 And crown him Lord of all!  
 To him all majesty ascribe,  
 And crown him Lord of all!

4-O that with yonder sacred throng  
 We at his feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song,  
 And crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the everlasting song,  
 And crown him Lord of all!

**Prayer of Confession**

Lay Leader

**God of grace and glory, for all the blessings you share with us, we give you thanks, and ask that you would help us not to waste them. You have given us the gift of scripture, but we fail to read and study your Word with diligence. You commanded us to teach our children your laws and the story of your people, but we put other things and activities at a higher priority. You commanded us to instruct all new disciples in your ways, but we fall short. You gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit, yet we find excuses to avoid sharing the Good News of the Gospel.**



**Create in us a hunger to read and meditate on scripture – individually and with those we love. Forgive us for those times when our words and actions are in direct conflict with your teaching. Inspire us to find ways to bear witness to those who do not know of your redeeming grace. 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: Everyone who invokes Jesus Christ by name shall be saved.**

**P: We are called to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.**

**L: This we do, and as a result, let us believe the Good News of the Gospel -**

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

Meeting God in the Word

## Children's Message

**First Lesson**     *Romans 8: 18-27*                      *Our Future Glory*                      *Lay Leader*

*I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

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

## Special Music

**Second Lesson**     *Luke 24: 44-53*                      *Jesus Prepares for His Ascension*                      *Carol*



*Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'*

*Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.*

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

## Sermon

## Dining Table Discipleship



## Responding to the Word

### Hymn # 507

### *I Come with Joy*

*1-I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
Forgiven, loved, and free,  
In awe and wonder to recall  
His life laid down for me,  
His life laid down for me.*

*3-As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
Each proud division ends,  
The love that made us makes us one,  
And strangers now are friends,  
And strangers now are friends.*

*2-I come with Christians far and near  
To find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love  
In Christ's communion bread,  
In Christ's communion bread.*

*4-And thus with joy we meet our Lord,  
His presence, always near,  
Is in such friendship better known:  
We see and praise him here.  
We see and praise him here.*

*5-Together met, together bound,  
We'll go our different ways,  
And as his people to the world,  
We'll live and speak his praise,  
We'll live and speak his praise.*

### 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: We bring gifts to your church, O God, so that our lives and our gifts will be a blessing to others. We ask that you consecrate our gift-giving and our lives, so that we may make a difference for you in the world. May our words and actions reflect your presence in the world. Amen.*

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*The Invitation and Prayer of Consecration*

*The Words of Institution*

*The Sharing of the Elements*

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving*



## Going Out to Serve

### Hymn # 130

### *Let Every Christian Pray*

*1-Let every Christian pray,  
This day and every day,  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Was not the church we love  
Commissioned from above?  
Come, Holy Spirit come!*

*2-The Spirit brought to birth  
The church of Christ on earth  
To seek and save the lost:  
God never has withdrawn,  
Since that tremendous dawn,  
The gifts at Pentecost.*

*3-Only the Spirit's power  
Can fit us for this hour:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Instruct, inspire, unite,  
And help us see your light:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!*



### Blessing

**L:** May the light of our Lord Jesus Christ shine brightly in your heart,

**P:** ***And on our faces so that we might reflect the glory of God and the Good News to everyone we encounter.***

**L:** And may the blessings of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...

### 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.*