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For the glory of God, Covenant Presbyterian Church
exists to worship God and equip His people for service.

Sunday, May 18, 2025

May you be still as we trust in our Heavenly Father and rest in the peace Christ has purchased for us and given to us in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please prepare yourself for worship by prayerfully reading and meditating on the Scriptures and quotes below.

Preparation for Worship

Pre-Prelude *He Lifted Me* arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick
Brett Levi, organ

Prelude *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* arr. John F. Wilson
Laura Stone, flute, Charlene Gebler, clarinet, and Katie Stuckey, piano

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Psalm 32:1

For as high as the Heavens are above the Earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:11-12

As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.' John 9:1-3

'But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?' Matthew 6:30

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:17

"Faith is shown as genuine when it is brought to completion by our actions." Thomas Schreiner

"Faith and works are bound up in the same bundle. He that obeys God trusts God; and he that trusts God obeys God. He that is without faith is without works; and he that is without works is without faith." C.H. Spurgeon

"Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends." George Muller

"Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible." Corrie ten Boom

"No child of God sins to that degree as to make himself incapable of forgiveness." John Bunyan

"Faith is a refusal to panic." Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"We tend to drag up our old sins, that we tend to live under a vague sense of guilt...we are not nearly as vigorous in appropriating God's forgiveness as He is in extending it. Consequently, instead of living in the sunshine of God's forgiveness through Christ, we tend to live under an overcast sky of guilt most of the time." Jerry Bridges

The flowers are given by Collie and Joy Lehn to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their 50 years of marriage.

Order of Worship – May 18, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

***Call to Worship** Psalm 40:1-3
I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

***Hymn of Praise** No. 53 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Invocation Elder Mike Baer

Affirmation of Our Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 105. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. "In the fifth petition, which is, 'And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,' we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by His grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others."

***Hymn of Faith** No. 528 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection *And Can It Be?* arr. Dan Forrest

***The Reading of God's Word** Luke 5:17-26

The Message from God's Word "Can Your Faith Be Seen?"
Pastor Steve Mirich

***Hymn of Response** *Just As I Am (I Come Broken)*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *The Great Physician* arr. Gayden Sikes
Katie Stuckey, piano, and Brett Levi, organ

Response and Blessing

***Closing Hymn** No. 640 *My Tribute*

***Benediction** Philippians 4:19-20
And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Doxology

Postlude *To God Be the Glory* arr. Joel Raney
Brett Levi, organ

*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)