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

Sunday, August 3, 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 *The Love of God* arr. Faye Lopez
Colleen Gillespie, piano

Prelude *Morning Has Broken* arr. Diane Bish
Brett Levi, organ

'For the Lord your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that He swore to them.' Deuteronomy 4:31

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in Him.' Lamentations 3:22-24

'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.' Matthew 5:7

Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. James 5:11

"A visitor (seeking to console the dying Thomas Hooker): Sir, you are going to receive the reward of your labour. Thomas Hooker: Brother, I am going to receive mercy!" Thomas Hooker

"The only real, practical measure of my appreciation for the goodness and mercy of God to me is the extent to which I am, in turn, prepared to show goodness and mercy to others." Phillip Keller

"The most compelling motivation for faithful, obedient living should not be the threat of discipline or loss of reward but overflowing and unceasing gratitude for the marvelous mercies of God." John MacArthur

"There is mercy for a sinner, but there is no mercy for the man who will not own himself a sinner." C.H. Spurgeon

"The promises of the Bible are nothing more than God's covenant to be faithful to His people. It is His character that makes these promises valid."
Jerry Bridges

"Mercy doesn't change the need to speak truth. It transforms our motivation from a desire to win battles to a desire to represent Christ. It takes me out of the center and puts Christ in the center. Mercy is given to be shared. And what it touches, it ultimately sweetens. We are to pass along what we have received from God – steadfast love, inexplicable kindness, overflowing compassion. We sinned against God and He responded with mercy. We are called to go and do the same." Dave Harvey

Today's flowers are given to the glory for Terry and Loretta Buettner's 45 years of wedded bliss.

Order of Worship – August 3, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

***Call to Worship** Psalm 103:1-5, 8
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

***Hymn of Adoration** No. 32 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Invocation Elder Mike Baer

Affirmation of Our Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism
Q. 100. What does the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A. "The preface of the Lord's Prayer, which is, 'Our Father which art in Heaven,' teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others."

***Hymn of Worship** No. 599 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection *Where Charity and Love Prevail* arr. Dan Forrest

***The Reading of God's Word** Luke 6:35-36

The Message from God's Word "Living Mercy"
Pastor Steve Mirich

***Hymn of Response** *His Mercy Is More*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Come Thou Fount* arr. Molly Ijames
Rachel Yang, violin and Katie Stuckey, piano

Response and Blessing

***Closing Hymn** No. 3 *Give to Our God Immortal Praise*

***Benediction** 2 John 1:3
Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

*Doxology

Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Carolyn Hamlin
Brett Levi, organ

**Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)*