

Our hymns for this World Communion Sunday are drawn from Zimbabwe, Germany, the United States, Jamaica, and South Africa.

Bringing forward the communion elements this morning are
Jonathan Griffith and Madeleine Miller.

Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship.
Children's worship folders are available in the Narthex.
Should you find that your child grows restless, there is childcare
available in the nursery for ages 3 and under.

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Welcome!

Whether you are a long-time member, occasional worshiper, or new visitor with us, we hope that in this service you will encounter the living Christ and be strengthened by God's promises for you. Please visit our website at covenantpresstaunton.org to learn more about our ministries and Covenant life together. We are happy to have you as part of our church family today!

The flowers today are given by Steve and Dori Walk
in honor of their parents.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

Striving to be Faithful Disciples of Christ:
Worshiping with Joy, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love

OCTOBER 5, 2025
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

10:30 AM

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please silence any mobile devices.
This service is live streamed on YouTube.

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE.....Dickens

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT.....BI-NIU

The Rice of Life

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 37)

Leader: Do not fret; depart from evil, and do good!

People: Salvation is from the Lord our God!

Leader: Wait for the Lord, and keep to God's way!

People: The Lord is our refuge and our strength! Praise the Lord!

*HYMN No. 388.....UYAI MOSE

Come All You People

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that our faith is feeble and our faithfulness fickle. We live with too much fear and too little hope, too much anger and too little love, too much envy and too little gratitude, too much impatience and too little trust. We dare to judge others while expecting mercy for ourselves. Lord, forgive us. Melt our hardened hearts; kindle in us faith and a commitment to forsake our sinful ways and to follow your loving Way – day after day. In your mercy, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – Hymn No. 439, Stanza 1

***O my soul, bless your Redeemer;
all within me bless God’s name;
bless the Savior, and forget not
all God’s mercies to proclaim.***

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING.....Pg. 628 of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible*
Psalm 37:1-11

SECOND READING.....Pg. 97 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
Luke 17:5-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON**JOHN PETERSON**
“FRETLESS FAITH”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*see back of insert*)

*HYMN No. 819.....FINLANDIA
Be Still, My Soul

SERVING IN LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY.....Larson
One Bread, One Body

PRAYER

HYMN No. 526Foley
Let Us Talents and Tongue Employ

***Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.***

***Refrain: Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound! (2x)***

***Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Refrain***

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (The Sanctus is Hymn No. 552)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(We will partake of the Communion elements together after all are served.)

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 538.....HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA
Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE.....Donaldson
We Will Go Out with Joy

POSTLUDE.....Brahms
O Gott, du frommer Gott

*(Please be seated for the Postlude or exit the sanctuary quietly
while the Postlude is being played.)*

**Those who are able, please stand.* Liturgist: Janey Terry

HYMN No. 388
Come All You People

*Come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.*

HYMN No. 819
Be Still, My Soul

*Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.*

*Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

HYMN No. 538
Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

*Refrain (sung twice each time):
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
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all our hearts are filled with gladness.*

*Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread.
I am wine, I am bread:
give to all who thirst and hunger.*

*Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread.
I am wine, I am bread:
give to all who thirst and hunger. (Refrain)*

*Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel.*

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Tell to all the joyful gospel. (Refrain)*