

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
OF THE COVENANT

June 27, 2021

10:00 a.m., Facebook LIVE

Live: [www.facebook.com/FirstCovenantErie/](https://www.facebook.com/FirstCovenantErie/)

Recording available after live service: [www.tinyurl.com/FPCCYouTube](https://www.tinyurl.com/FPCCYouTube)

*Welcome! Come, let us worship together—online and in person.*

*“Worship” is not something we watch. It is something we do. Read aloud bolded responses.*

*Please share greetings and comments. Stand if you choose, where you see \**

G A T H E R I N G

Ring of the Bell Tower Carillon (9:45 a.m.)

Montgomery Service

Gathering Music

Two Preludes on “*Lord of the Dance*,” Wagner & Wood

Leslie Weber

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Chris Weichman

Call to Worship (*responsive, please read aloud the bold print*)

Rev. Chris Weichman

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

We desire to live in God’s house  
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,  
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**O Lord, teach us your ways and make straight our paths**

\*Hymn #301

*Let Us Build a House*

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P R A Y I N G

Call to Confession

Rachel Moldovan

Hear the words of the psalmist David:

“Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.”

We express our longing for God’s forgiveness and leading  
by our own confession.

\*Prayer of Confession (*responsive, please read alone the bold print*)

Rachel Moldovan

You asked for my hands,  
that you might use them for your purpose.

**I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,  
for the work was hard.**

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.

**I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.**

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

**I closed them, for I did not want to see.**

You asked for my life,  
that you might work through me.

**I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.**

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—  
only when it is convenient for me to do so,  
only in those places where it is safe to do so,  
and only with those who make it easy to do so.

**Gracious God, forgive me,  
renew me, send me out  
as a usable instrument,  
that I might take seriously  
the meaning of your cross. Amen.**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Rachel Moldovan

All the prophets testify about Christ  
That everyone who believes in him  
Receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

Rachel Moldovan

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

*Share greetings of Christ's peace in the comment section on the Facebook livestream or share a nod, a peace sign, a wave of peace with those worshipping with you in the sanctuary.*

## **L I S T E N I N G**

### **First Reading** *John 6:27-40*

Montgomery Service

<sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; <sup>38</sup> for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

### **Hymn #321**

*The Church's One Foundation*

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### **Children's Moment**

Youth Work Week Camp Video

Rev. Chris Weichman

### **Second Reading** *Hebrews 3:1-6*

Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling, consider that Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup> was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses also “was faithful in all God's house.”

<sup>3</sup> Yet Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup> (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) <sup>5</sup> Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that would be spoken later. <sup>6</sup> Christ, however, was faithful over God's house as a son, and we are his house if we hold firm the confidence and the pride that belong to hope.

### **Sermon**

*“Holy Boasting”*

Rev. Chris Weichman

## RESPONDING

**Time of Reflection**      *"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"* arr. Susan Geschkle      Greater Than the Sum  
Nathan Cooper, Jackson and Sophia Ginader, Ethan and Rachel Holmes, Aida Fritts

### Prayers of the People

Rev. Chris Weichman

God is Good...      All the Time!

All the Time...      God is Good!

### The Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

Rev. Chris Weichman

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

### \*Hymn #761

*Called as Partners In Christ's Service*

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### Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings

Rev. Chris Weichman

*Thank you for enabling ministry using the blue **shop now** button on the church's Facebook page or  
see the box on the bottom of the next page.*

### \*Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures high and low...Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known;*

*Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Text by Brian Wren, Music by Hal H. Hopson ©1989, ©1998 Hope Publishing Company CCLI License #11174474

### \*Benediction

Rev. Chris Weichman

### \*Postlude

*"Trumpet Tune in D,"* Charles Callahan

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Leslie Weber

*In lieu of sanctuary flowers a gift toward the Vicary Organ Fund was given today  
in loving memory of John Gregory along time member & faithful choir participant.  
The gift was given by his many friends and family*

**GIVE  
PLUST<sup>+</sup>**

### 3 Ways to give tithe or offering... **THANK YOU!**

1. Use the QR code at right.

2. Go to [www.firstcovenanterie.org](http://www.firstcovenanterie.org) and click  
the **GIVE NOW** button at the bottom of the homepage.

3. Mail your check to:

First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant,  
250 West 7th Street, Erie, PA 16501



# INVITATION TO MINISTRY

**Welcome!** It is good to welcome worshipers back into the sanctuary as Facebook LIVE-streaming continues. Please wear masks in the sanctuary at all times and continue social distancing. Updated in-person worship details can be found on page 10 of this bulletin.

**Help us connect with those near and far on Sunday Mornings** A new part of our worship technology is running the live-stream that we send to Facebook LIVE each Sunday. As we continue to resume and expand ministries of the church, help is needed with this important new aspect of Sunday mornings. Can you help? Willing to learn? Training provided. Contact Monty to volunteer or with questions: [montgomery.service@firstcovenanterie.org](mailto:montgomery.service@firstcovenanterie.org)

**Fellowship Hour Returns July 4!** Catch up with friends or meet someone new. Fellowship Hour will be hosted outdoors, under the belltower, and feature a cold beverage and single-serve snack item each week. Special thanks to the Hospitality & Membership team for this. If you would like to assist them, contact Dale Shidemantle at [dpshide629@verizon.net](mailto:dpshide629@verizon.net)

**Help host the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sunday Supper meal on July 4<sup>th</sup>.** Two volunteers are needed for food prep starting at 2:00 pm, and 8 volunteers are needed to box the meals from 3:20- 5:40 on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The meal will be served as a take-out meal, with the option for vaccinated guests to eat their meal at socially-distanced tables in air-conditioned Knox Hall. All volunteers will be masked, as well as all guests any time they are not seated and eating. To volunteer, please contact Pat Tracy at [tptracy72@gmail.com](mailto:tptracy72@gmail.com) or 814 504-2220.

**Updated Protocols starting Sunday, July 4th** Following PA Department of Health department CDC guidance, starting July 4th, masks are optional for those fully-vaccinated. Those not fully-vaccinated must continue to wear a mask in the building. On July 4th, congregational singing will resume, however, masks must be worn while singing, even for those fully-vaccinated. *Remember: children have not yet had the opportunity to be vaccinated. And there are some in our midst with extreme health vulnerabilities.* For these reasons, social distancing (seating every third pew) will continue. More details on page 10 & 11.

**Church Baseball Outing: Erie Seawolves** Everyone is invited to a home game on Sunday, **July 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:35 PM.** This event is sponsored by the Christian Education committee who is making the tickets available for \$5/person. Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> sign up your family and pay at the church office. Sign up ends Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 40 spots available. Join your church family and enjoy a day out at the park! We look forward to seeing you there!

**"The Phil" LIVE in Gridley Park.** The Erie Philharmonic Orchestra will present an hour-long concert including *Peter and the Wolf* at Gridley Park **TODAY.** Pre-concert fun starts at **2p.m.** and the concert begins at 3. Family-friendly and free. The church has offered concert parking in our lot. It is a lovely 4-block walk from the lot to the park down historic Sixth Street. Bring a camp or lawn chair.

**Funeral Service:** Long time member Evelyn Anderson passed away on Tuesday, June 23. Friends are invited to call on the family Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at Burton Quinn Scott Cremation & Funeral Service Inc. Downtown 602 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 11:00 a.m.

## **Summer Faith Formation Opportunities**

**Students** - Mark your calendar for the Kennywood trip July 28 look for more information via email and The Chimes

### **Adults-**

**Bible Study (Zoom)** with Pastor Britney, Wednesdays at 10:30a.m.

**Bible Study (Facebook LIVE)** Wednesdays, 12:00 noon, pastors lead.

**Men's Bible Study (Zoom)** with Pastor Chris, Thursday, **July 1**, 7:30 a.m.

## 301

## Let Us Build a House

## All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)  
C7 F C F B $\flat$  C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)  
F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek  
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,  
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)  
Gm C7 B $\flat$  F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)  
Gm C F B $\flat$



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

*Refrain*

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)  
F B $\flat$  A7 Dm Gm Dm



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;  
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B $\flat$  F



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

## The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

TEXT: Samuel John Stone, 1866, alt.  
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

AURELIA  
 7.6.7.6.D

# Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,  
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal-enge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.  
 blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.  
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

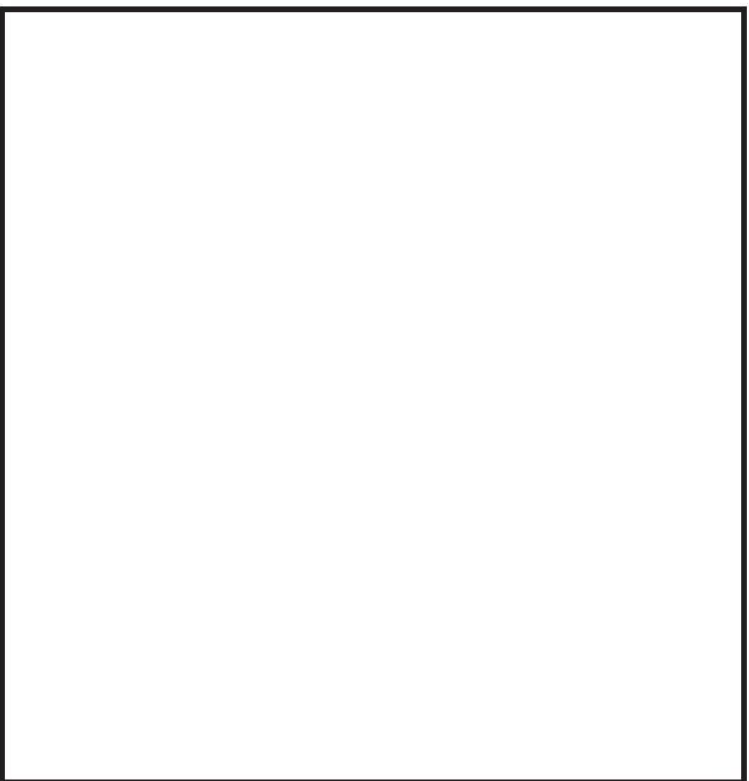
This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981  
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870  
 Text © 1981 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

BEECHER  
 8.7.8.7.D  
 (alternate tune: EBENEZER)

# DRAW IT

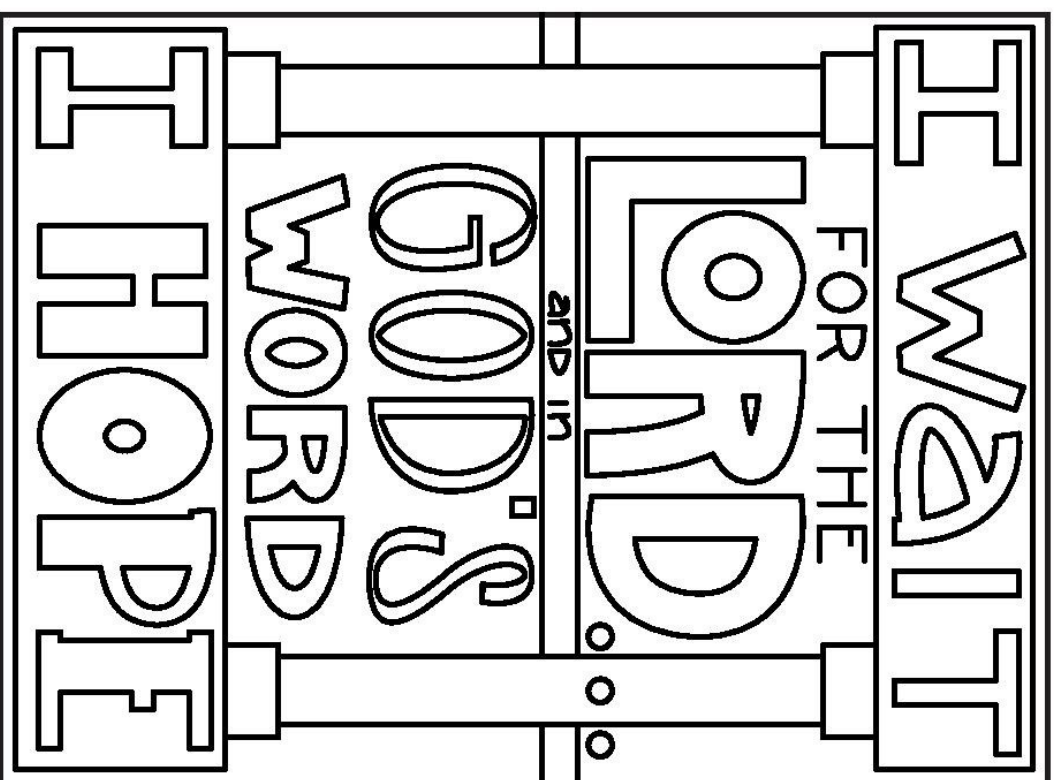
In Mark 5, two people – a father with a very sick daughter, and woman whose body keeps bleeding – come to Jesus for healing, and he heals them. Draw a picture of someone you know who needs Jesus' healing. As you draw, pray for them.



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# CHILDRENS WORSHIP • BULLETIN

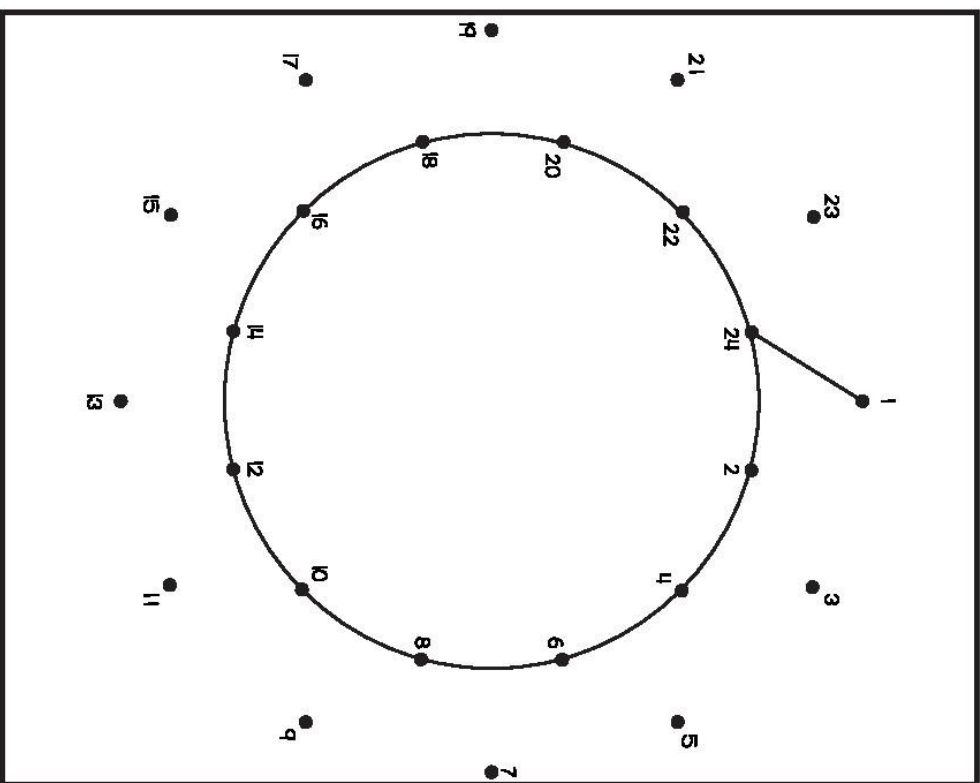
Activities based on Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43.





# CONNECT the DOTS

In Psalm 130, the Psalmist says we can count on God's faithfulness the way we watch for the morning sun to rise. We know God will come through for us! Connect the dots of the sun. Inside, write or draw a thank you prayer to God for God's faithfulness.



# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

M W Z S A Q D L A X C H C G E  
O O Z U B C M B M S C M F W G  
F U L O U O F H V E T J C B D  
Y V I R N M R V E W X U F A E  
P S T E D M I P B A M A Z P L  
C H T N A A S O W A I X E U W  
L O L E N N N F N T L N E N O  
C S E G C D G E H V E A R K N  
M A X A E V E R Y T H I N G K  
U B T W B D H K S O H E J C S  
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FAITH	POOR	MUCH
SPEECH	GIFT	LITTLE
KNOWLEDGE	FAIR	ONE
COMMAND	BALANCE	EVERYTHING
GENEROUS	ABUNDANCE	LOVE
JESUS	NEED	GENUINE

## Pandemic In-Person Worship Protocols *(updated June 24, 2021)*

It is good to once again have the option to worship together in the sanctuary! Full vaccinations for Erie County residents have increased to 57%. Daily new case counts and hospitalizations are declining. Thank God! Warmer weather allows for open doors and ample ventilation in the sanctuary.

Our worship protocols listed below were developed after consultation with Dr. Nadworny and the Erie County Health Department and they will be incrementally adjusted as the situation permits.

The more vaccinated we are, the more protocols can be loosened.

### Here's what to expect:

- **Facebook LIVE-streaming** of services will continue. Attend online or in-person: it is your choice based on your comfort. If you attend in-person, keep this in mind. Talking / noises will be picked up by mics.
- **Complete an attendance / health assessment form in advance—each time you attend.** Find the form on page 12 to cut out and bring with you to turn in at the entry door. You'll also find it in the Chimes newsletter and each worship bulletin. Copies are also available at the entry door. In addition to stating you are feeling well, this form will register in-person attendance and be used if contact tracing is necessary.
- **Limited entry/exit doors.** There will be ONE entry to the sanctuary at 9:30: *Zahniser Coat Room* doors. These doors are at the northeast corner of the church, on the east side (by the Wright House). They enter into the Narthex. The glass "breezeway" doors nor any others will be available for entry. Exit doors will be the same *Zahniser Coat Room* doors and the nearby *Fish Chapel* doors. Other doors will be opened for ventilation purposes and emergency exit only.
- **One-Way traffic lane.** For drop-off and pick-up by car, the lane along the east side of the church will be one-way. One-way into the parking lot from 6th Street BEFORE the worship service. And then as worship concludes it will flip to one-way OUT from the parking lot to 6th Street.
- **Bulletins. Hymnals. Pew pads.** You will be handed a worship packet as you enter. It is the same as what is emailed weekly, containing all bible texts and music. Nothing touched by multiple people will be used: hymnals, bibles, pew pads are stored until further notice. Attendance is received via the health forms.
- **Masking. Distancing. Pews. Seating.** Everyone except those speaking / singing up front will have mouth and nose covered with a mask at all times. [\*Beginning July 4, masking will be optional for all who are vaccinated. Those not yet fully vaccinated will be expected to continue masking.] Some pews are blocked off with chairs to allow for 6-foot distancing between rows. The centers of available pews have a 6-foot "no seating" section marked off. Seating will be at the ends of each available pew. **Volunteers needed to welcome and guide worshipers:** [chris.weichman@firstcovenanterie.org](mailto:chris.weichman@firstcovenanterie.org)
- **No singing. Quiet spoken responses.** Until July 4, Monty will be the only one singing, as cantor. Quietly spoken liturgy responses and unison prayers *are* permitted. [\*Beginning July 4, **if masked**, soft singing will be acceptable.]
- **Narthex bathrooms only.** Only the two bathrooms in the narthex will be available. The rest of the building will remain locked-off. Make a final pit stop at home before leaving.
- **Communion, offering.** On first Sundays you will be handed a communion kit with wafer and juice. Or you may bring your own elements from home. Dispose of packaging as you exit. Offering will be received as you exit. Or continue to give via the church website, the *Give-Plus* app, or U.S. mail.

*During a pandemic nothing is risk-free.*

*Indoor, in-person worship participation, even with all of the protocols and precautions outlined above, still bears the risk of Covid-19 transmission.*

## In-Person Worship Attendance Form

*Please print. Hand-in at entrance to sanctuary. For health screening and contract tracing purposes only. Thank you.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Worship Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Vaccinated? YES NO OTHER

**Experiencing any of the following:** Shortness of breath, cough, fever, chills, body aches, loss of sense of smell or taste, headache, nausea, vomiting? YES NO

**In the last 14 days...**

have you been within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more with anyone that has tested positive for Covid? YES NO

have you been tested, with a positive result, for Covid-19? YES NO

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