



August 1, 2021

10:00 a.m., Facebook LIVE

Live: www.facebook.com/FirstCovenantErie/

Recording available after live service: 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

Please remember to use a mask when singing in the sanctuary. Extras are available in the area where you entered.

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

Montgomery Service

Gathering Music

“The Ash Grove,” Dale Wood

Leslie Weber

Wood Works for Organ Book 4 @2001 Sacred Music Press

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Chris Weichman

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

Rev. Chris Weichman

We come to worship God in many ways.

We come singing, dancing, and shouting for joy.

We come grieving, mourning, and crying for loss.

We come asking, praying, and seeking peace.

We come to worship as we are, knowing that God will meet us here.

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill this space.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #649**

Amazing Grace

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P R A Y I N G

Call to Confession

Rachel Moldovan

How patient is God! We run around trying to do everything our way, and God waits. We try to buy life and happiness, and God waits. We hurt others and walk away from those in need, and God waits. God waits, and upon hearing our heartfelt prayers and cries for help, God touches us with forgiveness and new life. Come; let us pray to the One who waits to hear from us!

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Rachel Moldovan

You have said that the poor are blessed,

the outcast beloved, and the mighty powerless,

for your gospel message turns the world upside down.

Forgive us when we do not live

in the light of your great reversal:

when we operate as if success were the highest goal

and happiness the most worthy aim.

Forgive us, Lord.

Convict us, and heal us.

Enlighten us to know your truth

and empower us to live anew. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *(responsive, read aloud the bold print)*

Rachel Moldovan

Rich, poor;
young, old;
sinner, saint:
We are all God's children,
and God transforms each of us
into the people we are meant to be.

**Broken, we are mended;
separated from others, we are made one;
longing to serve, we are sent forth.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

*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 *Genesis 32:22-31*

Rev. Chris Weichman

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

Hymn#23

God, You Spin the Whirling Plates

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Children's Moment

Rev. Britney L.V. Knight

Second Reading *Luke 19:1-10*

Rev. Chris Weichman

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Sermon

"A New Name"

Rev. Chris Weichman

RESPONDING

*Hymn #530

One Bread, One Body

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Invitation to the Table

Rev. Chris Weichman

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *(responsive, please read aloud the **bold print**)*

Rev. Chris Weichman

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...So, we join our voices with all
who have wondered at your steadfast love,
singing your name to the edges of the universe:

Holy, Holy, Holy 552

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) (A) (D) B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) C (D/F[#]) F/A (F[#]m) Am (G) B^b (A) (Bm) C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) B^b (D) F (A) (Bm) C Dm (Em7) Gm7 (A) (Dsus) C Fsus (D) F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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...As we remember his calling us to follow,
as we seek to be sent forth to serve,
we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)
 F C F B^b C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
 B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

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...And when at the end of all time,
 we discover that it was you who
 had led us all along the way
 and brought us to the Table in glory,
 we will join our voices as one,
 singing our praise to you,
 God in Community, Holy in One,
 even as we unite in praying as we are taught,

**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...**

554 Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
 B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

A - men, a - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1995

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LAND OF REST

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The Words of Institution

Rev. Chris Weichman

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Music

"Blessed Assurance," Hayes/Wagner
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Montgomery Service

Prayer: (in unison)

Rev. Chris Weichman

**We thank you O God,
that through Word and Sacrament
you have given us your Son
who is the true bread from heaven
and food of eternal life.
So strengthen us in your service
that our daily living might show our thanks;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***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

"In Christ There is No East or West," Harry Burleigh/Dale Wood
@1989 Sacred Music Press Works for Organ Book 2

Leslie Weber

*In lieu of sanctuary flowers, a gift to Sunday Suppers was made today
in loving memory of John & Nancy Gregory by their family*

Call for a Special Meeting of the Congregation

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant calls for a special meeting of the congregation to be held on Sunday, August 8, 2021 in the sanctuary immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The stated purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon a report from the Nominating Committee to fill one vacant position on the Board of Deacons.

Rev. Chris Weichman, Moderator

W. D. Holmes, Clerk of Session

**GIVE
PLUS⁺**

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

1. Use the QR code at right.
2. Go to 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. Masks are optional if you are vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated a mask must be worn at all times. When singing everyone is required to wear a mask. Updated in-person worship details can be found on page 12 of this bulletin.

The August Covenant Chimes newsletter was mailed by USPS and email this week. If you are not receiving the monthly newsletter and would like to, please contact the church office 814.456.4243.

Join Us For Fellowship After Worship Catch up with friends or meet someone new. Come and join us for Fellowship Hour under the Bell Tower.

Updated Protocols! Following PA Department of Health department CDC guidance, masks are optional for those fully-vaccinated. Those not fully-vaccinated must continue to wear a mask in the building. Congregational singing has resumed, 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 12.

Welcome new students to Erie! Can you pick up a new international student (or two) from Erie International Airport, and deliver them to Gannon? Flights range from August 2 to 18, in afternoons and evenings. 12 students from India, Japan, Spain, Mongolia, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Vietnam and France would love to meet a friendly Erie resident upon their arrival. Contact Seph Kumer 814.566.0287 to volunteer or with questions.

National Night Out Help Needed First Covenant will again provide (pandemic-safe) children's activities at the community gathering on Tuesday, August 3, 5-8 p.m. at Gridley Park. YOUR help is needed with 2 large inflatable slides (instead of bounce houses for Covid reasons), water balloon toss and sack races. There are two shifts of helpers needed: 4:30-6:30 and 6:30 to 8:30. 8 helpers needed each shift! An afternoon prep team also needed (water balloons) Noon to 2 p.m. Because of Covid some past years' helpers may be unavailable this year. Can you share the church's and God's love with kids/families? Please email or text/call Seph Kumer if you can help: seph.kumer@firstcovenanterie.org , 814.566.0287.

Cantor Volunteers needed as we move into the Fall we are in need of volunteers to lead us in the singing of the hymns during worship. Practice provided before the service on Sundays. Please contact Monty Service (montgomery.service@firstcovenanterie.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

Carillion Volunteers needed it's been great to use the carillon to welcome us into worship each Sunday morning, as we look to the Fall we are in need of volunteers to play the carillon for 9-10 minutes before worship on Sunday mornings. We've been using hymn melodies and the carillon console is a keyboard (like a piano). Training and orientation provided, volunteers would need to be able to read music and play one-handed melodies. Please contact Monty Service (montgomery.service@firstcovenanterie.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

Share a Wednesday evening with neighborhood kids! Shop the Burch Farms market. Meet church neighbors. Enjoy the amazing bay view. These are all part of "West Bay Fit" Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bayview Park, West 2nd & Walnut Streets. If you can help Seph provide some simple games for the 6 and under crowd, text him at 814.566.0387. Even if you are unable to help, stop by and check out the fun!

Save the Date: Worship at Presque Isle August 22 Worship and picnic at Presque Isle's Cookhouse, 10:00 a.m. Bring friends, bag chairs, picnic table cloth, beach gear. There will be no service at the church that day, but a service will be available on Facebook for those desiring to worship from home.

Summer Faith Formation Opportunities

Adults-

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

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

Men's Bible Study (Zoom) with Pastor Chris, Thursday, **August 12**, 7:30 a.m.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound


1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.


God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 23

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G)
E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b




1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)
E^b B^b E^b Cm A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b




spread the plain, mold the moun - tains, fash - ion blos - soms, call forth
min - is - try. We re - spond in grate - ful wor - ship joined in
life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's

(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)
A^b E^b B^b E^b A^b E^b B^b




sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (G) (A) (D) (G)
E^b Cm Gm A^b B^b E^b A^b



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures

(D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A) (D)
E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b Fm E^b B^b E^b



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

This text was written for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women, whose theme, "In the Image of God," is variously considered here as reflection, focus, distortion, and polishing for clarity. The words are well set to an anonymous 19th-century American tune.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1978
MUSIC: American melody, 1830; harm. Richard Proulx, 1986
Text © 1980 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)
Music Harm. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

PLEADING SAVIOR
8.7.8.7.D
(alternate harmonization, 717)
(alternate tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN)

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One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of

all, one cup of bless-ing which we bless.

And we, though man-y, through-out the

earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.

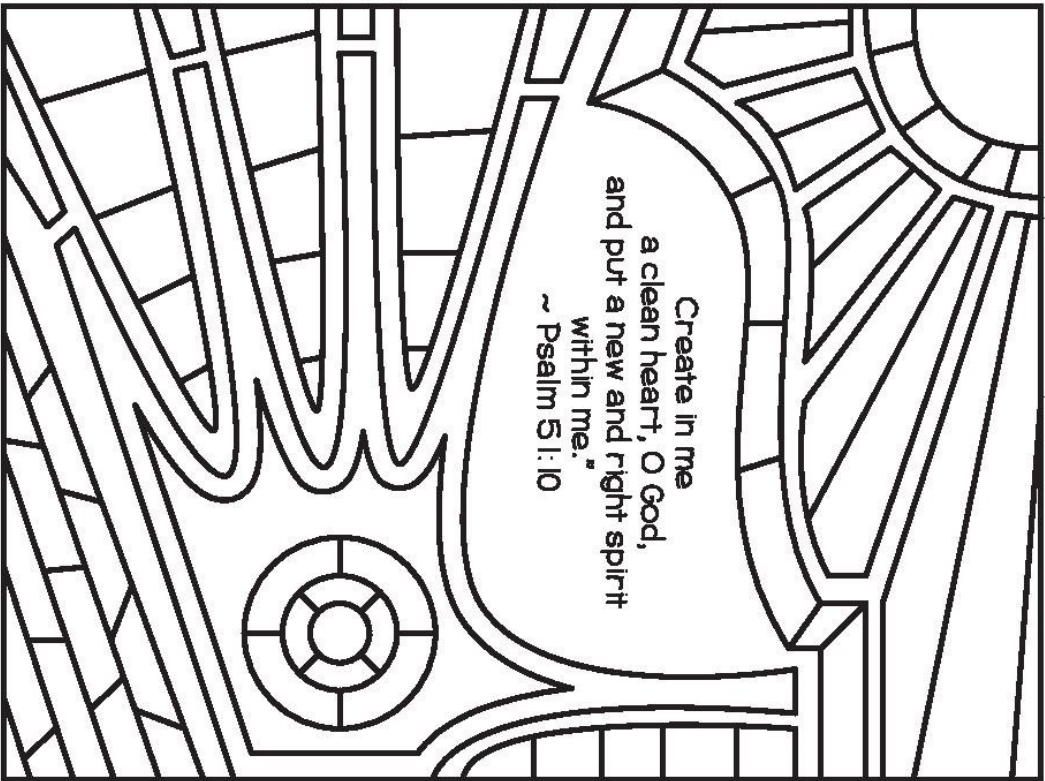
1 Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or
2 Man-y the gifts, man-y the
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and

free, wom-an or man, no more.
works, one in the Lord of all.
grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

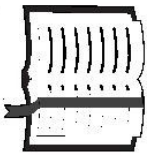
This Lord's Supper text is based on various Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:16–17, Galatians 3:28, and 1 Corinthians 12:1–31) as well as imagery from the *Didache*, a significant Christian document from the early 2nd century, about scattered grain united in the eucharistic bread.

TEXT and MUSIC: John B. Foley, SJ, 1978
Text and Music © 1978 John B. Foley, SJ (Published by OCP)

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY
Irregular



Create in me
a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit
within me.
~ Psalm 51:10

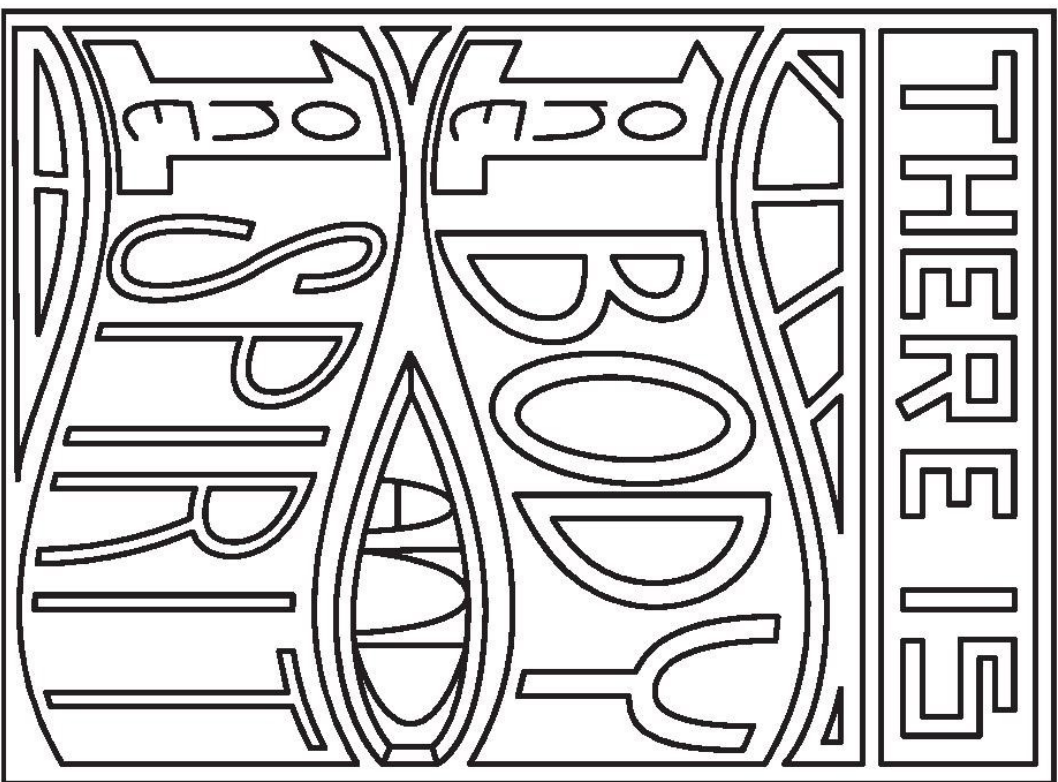


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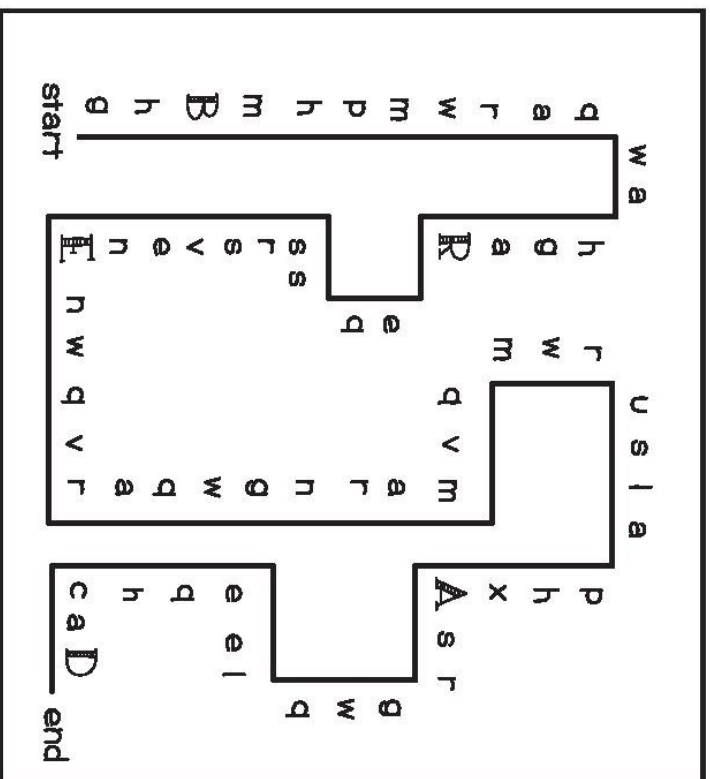
CHILDRENS WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 51:1-12, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35.



FOLLOW the PATH

What kind of food does Jesus compare himself to in John 6? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see the food spelled out below.



DRAW IT

Ephesians 4 encourages us to speak truth in love and use our words to become more like Christ. Draw a picture of you speaking words of love. Who are you talking to?



Pandemic In-Person Worship Protocols *(updated July 2, 2021)*

It is good to once again have the option to worship together in the sanctuary! Full vaccinations for Erie County residents continue to increase. 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 14 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.** Masking is optional for all who are vaccinated. Those not yet fully vaccinated are asked to continue masking. We will continue to practice social distancing. 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
- **Singing and spoken responses.** Singing is permitted with masks. Monty will continue as our cantor. Quietly spoken liturgy responses and unison prayers *are* permitted.
- **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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