

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 4, 2020

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Eternal Life”

Olive Dungan

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN # 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON

The Fear of the Lord
is the Beginning of Wisdom

Rev. Patricia Willard

COMMUNION

Invitation

Story of the Last Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Consecration

Communion

Sharing the Peace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN # 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

As we join together this morning, celebrating World Communion Sunday, we want to affirm Covenant's connection with the Body of Christ throughout the world. We participate in several special ministries. Below are just two examples:

- In Monrovia, Liberia we join with **Bear Another's Burdens Ministry of Christ (BABMOC)**. This Johnson City-based 501c3 non-profit supports the building of a school, providing school supplies and free education for 140+ youth. You can learn more about this ministry and make donations at www.babmoc.org.
- In Guangaje, Ecuador we join with **For the Future of Guangaje Ecuador**, a ministry to support the optimal physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual development of the Guangaje youth through scholarships for youth attending university or vocational educational institutions, supporting art programs in the community, and partnering with Ecuadorian and U.S. non-profits and educational institutions. Learn more about this ministry and make donations at www.forthefuturege.com, or visit their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/For-The-Future-of-Guangaje-Ecuador-102256261449106/?ref=page_internal.

This morning we welcome the Rev. Patricia Willard to the virtual pulpit. Pat grew up in Johnson City, earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech, and settled in the Washington, D.C. area where she married, reared three children, joined a PC(USA) church and worked for over 16 years as a highway planner for the Montgomery County, MD planning agency. Returning to her family home in the late 90's, she felt called to ministry as a second vocation. She attended Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA under the care of Covenant. After receiving her MDiv degree, she returned home to a ministry that has included a woman's bible study discussion group that met weekly in her home for eight years; serving as the interim minister for Erwin Presbyterian Church (a position for which she was ordained); and supply preaching.

TODAY AT COVENANT:

In the Pulpit:	Rev. Patricia Willard
Organ/piano:	Jessica Siple, Music Director
Liturgist:	Mary O'Keeffe
Baritone:	Joe Gumina

Notes:

From sermon: *The Creation* by James Weldon Johnson, 1871-1938

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