

COVENANT CHURCH

JULY 2, 2023 — MORNING WORSHIP
HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Welcome

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:9-10

◆ Sing: *We Gather Together*

Hymn #363

◆ Invocation

◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*Unison*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate;

was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

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from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic¹ church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Psalm 51:1-4 (ESV)

¹ “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.”

◆ Declaration of Pardon

Micah 7:18-19 (ESV)

¹⁸ Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our

¹ Catholic here means “universal”

iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

◆ Sing: *Psalm 65A*

(Children come forward on last stanza)

Children's Message

GOD CONSECRATES US

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Jeffrey Kusumi

◆ Sing: *The Doxology*

Hymn #731

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

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.*

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:19-22 (ESV)

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the

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whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Sermon

Rev. Brooks Pipher

“God's People — Are God's People!”

◆ Sing: *The Church's One Foundation*

Hymn #347

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT THE LORD'S TABLE

The Invitation and Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

The bread is vegan and gluten-free. The cup is grape juice. It is our custom to hold the elements, and partake together. Please leave your glass cup at your seat.

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◆ Sing: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Hymn #521

◆ Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

Announcements

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JULY 2, 2023 — EVENING WORSHIP
HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Welcome

Rev. Brooks Pipher

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-2

◆ Sing: *We Gather Together*

Hymn #363

◆ Invocation

◆ Sing: *Psalm 65A*

(Children come forward on last stanza)

Children's Message

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Taking Up Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

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Amen.

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 6:1-19 (ESV)

¹ Now when Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it (although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), ² Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, “Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono.” But they intended to do me harm. ³ And I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?” ⁴ And they sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner. ⁵ In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand. ⁶ In it was written, “It is reported among the nations, and Geshem also says it, that you and the Jews intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall. And according to these reports you wish to become their king. ⁷ And you have also set up prophets to proclaim concerning you in Jerusalem, ‘There is a king in Judah.’ And now the king will hear of these reports. So now come and let us take counsel together.” ⁸ Then I sent to him, saying, “No such things as you say

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have been done, for you are inventing them out of your own mind.”⁹ For they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done.” But now, O God, strengthen my hands. ¹⁰ Now when I went into the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was confined to his home, he said, “Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple. Let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. They are coming to kill you by night.” ¹¹ But I said, “Should such a man as I run away? And what man such as I could go into the temple and live? I will not go in.” ¹² And I understood and saw that God had not sent him, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. ¹³ For this purpose he was hired, that I should be afraid and act in this way and sin, and so they could give me a bad name in order to taunt me. ¹⁴ Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who wanted to make me afraid. *The Wall Is Finished* ¹⁵ So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. ¹⁶ And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God. ¹⁷ Moreover, in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters came to them. ¹⁸ For many in Judah were bound by oath to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah: and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah as his wife. ¹⁹ Also

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