

Church of the Covenant Boston, MA



The Season of Pentecost July 3, 2022

Presbyterian Church (USA) / United Church of Christ



Church of the Covenant

Summer 2022

10:30 a.m.

The Season of Pentecost/ Ordinary Time

ZOOM LINK: tinyurl.com/cotcworship

Welcome, Announcements

One: Peace be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

Introduction to Today's Music

Prelude

Round Dance from Firebird

Igor Stravinsky

Call To Worship

Opening Hymn NCH (black) 591

This is My Song

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the oceans,
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight, too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

Lighting of the Christ Light

Prayer for Grounding in God's Grace

Shared Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Grace

Many: In Jesus Christ we are set free and made whole. Alleluia,
Amen!

Sung Response

Amen, Bawo

5 A-men, we praise your name, O God! A-men we praise your name, O God!

A-men, ba- wo. A-men, ba- wo. A-men, we praise your name, O God!

Reading from Scripture

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

After this Jesus appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Holy One of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’”

“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Adonai, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven

like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

One: God is still speaking, the word of God,
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection on the Word

Call to Offering

Online Giving Option: <http://www.cotcbos.org/give.html>

Click on Give Now, then choose Pledges or Gifts-General.

Offertory

Hangliding

Maria Schneider

Doxology

Though what we have in truth is small.
God's grace shall be enough for all.
So as we bless and break this bread.
Each heart be filled each mouth be fed.

Prayer of Dedication

Celebrations and Concerns

One: God, in your grace,
Many: **Receive our prayer.**

Pastoral Prayer

Celebration of Holy Communion

In preparation for this sacrament, please gather a bread product (bread, tortilla, gluten-free cracker, etc.), and a liquid (grape juice, wine, water, etc.) to take in when invited.

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

One: May God be with you!

Many: **And also with you.**

One: People of Interdependence, let us lift up our hearts!

Many: **We open our hearts to God who fills us with hope.**

One: Let us give thanks to God our light.

Many: **It is right for us to offer our thanks and praise to the One who loves us.**

One: It is right for us to thank and praise you God...

...And so, with your people here on earth, with all the ancestors, saints and the great company of heaven, we glorify your name, praising you together:

Many: **Holy, holy, holy One, God of heaven and earth. All creation is full of your love and grace. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of peace. Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Holy are you, O God...

The Prayer of Jesus

*San Francisco's Grace Episcopal
Cathedral Womanist Lord's Prayer*

**Our Mother,
who is in heaven and within us,
We call upon your names.
Your wisdom come.
Your will be done,
In all the spaces in which You dwell.
Give us each day
Sustenance and perseverance.
Remind us of our limits as
we give grace to the limits of others.
Separate us from the temptation of empire,
But deliver us into community.
For you are the dwelling place within us
the empowerment around us
and the celebration among us
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread & Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Post Communion Prayer

Charge and Benediction

Exchange of the Peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

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### **Worship Participants**

**Liturgists** – Rev. Rob Mark & Rev. Joshua Lazard

**Lector** – Sandra May

**Minister of Music** – Tom Handel

**Digital Minister** – Linda Pursley

**WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE COVENANT:** We are delighted to welcome you to our community of faith and so glad you are worshipping with us today! If you are new to our community, we hope you will feel at home and welcomed during today's service. If you have any questions about who we are as a community of faith, please reach out to a member of staff in person or over the chat in Zoom. The following are standard announcements for the summer.

**DURING THE SUMMER WE WILL USE ONE STANDARD BULLETIN:** Hymns and other announcements will be shared during the service. Please help us save paper and return this bulletin to the back of the sanctuary following the conclusion of worship! Each week, we will be sending more up to date announcements via our "This Week at Covenant" email to the community. To receive our newsletters, see: [cotcbos.org/this-week-at-covenant.html](http://cotcbos.org/this-week-at-covenant.html)

**SUMMER ROAD CLOSURES:** Please be aware that Boston and Cambridge have several road races and other events that sometimes make getting to Covenant a little challenging, including Summer Open Newbury Street Sundays. We will do our best to keep you informed, but always good to check Boston road closures listings each week.

**UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP:** Please join us each Sunday at 10:30am as we come together in community to pray, sing, share celebrations and concerns, and hear God's still-speaking Word proclaimed in these Hybrid services (in-person and Zoom options). [Zoom Link: tinyurl.com/cotcworship](https://tinyurl.com/cotcworship)

- July 3, Reflection on the Word, Communion, ZOOM ONLY
- July 10, Rev. Rob peaching, Jubilee Adult Ed after worship: Heat Pumps
- July 17, Rev. Joshua preaching, Communion
- July 24, Rev. Rob preaching
- July 31, Shared Worship w. Burlington, Clinton & Newton Pres, ZOOM ONLY
- August 7, Rev. Joshua preaching, Communion
- August 14, Guest Preacher Rev. Adam Isbitsky
- August 21, Reflection on the Word, Communion
- August 28, Rev. Joshua preaching

**ZOOM ONLY SERVICES (Currently planned): July 3, July 31, August 28.** Also note that in this age of climate change (occasionally dangerously hot sanctuaries), and pandemics (potentials for staff out sick), we retain the option to pivot to Zoom-only services from time to time should the need arise. If this happens, we will make an announcement by the Saturday prior to worship.

**JULY 31 JOINT SERVICE WITH SIBLING CHURCHES:** On July 31, we will join in worship with our neighbors from Burlington, Clinton, and Newton Presbyterian churches. The service will be on Zoom and in person at Burlington Presbyterian Church, at 10:30am, with PC(USA) Synod of the Northeast Transitional Leader, Rev. Dr. SanDawna Gaulman Ashley, preaching. More info at [burlingtonpres.org](https://burlingtonpres.org). Please note we will be using a *different Zoom link* than other Sundays: [tinyurl.com/sharedsummerservice](https://tinyurl.com/sharedsummerservice)

**REV. ROB'S SUMMER SABBATH:** Continuing for a third year in a row, Rev. Rob will be taking a 4-week Summer Sabbath (August 1-August 28) for the purpose of spending more intentional time with his family that the week-to-week constancy of ministry doesn't regularly afford. This intentional time differs from a vacation, as two of these weeks Rob is taking as unpaid leave. During this Summer Sabbath, our Associate Pastor Rev. Joshua Lazard (Email: [joshua.lazard@cotcbos.org](mailto:joshua.lazard@cotcbos.org), Cell: 617-680-5734) will be supporting our Deacons in providing any needed pastoral care/coverage, and helping to lead our weekly worship services. Please be in touch with Rob if you have any questions. [rob.mark@cotcbos.org](mailto:rob.mark@cotcbos.org)

**STAFF VACATIONS:** Current schedule for staff vacations based on Sundays:

Tom: June 26, July 31

Rev. Joshua: July 28-August 5

Rev. Kate: July 3, 24, 31

**BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS:** Our weekly morning Bible Study is each Wednesday morning on Zoom at 9:15am. We are studying the Gospel of John. If you'd like more information or want to be on the list to get regular reminders & Zoom info, contact Jan Gough at [revjangough@gmail.com](mailto:revjangough@gmail.com).

**SEASON OF THE SPIRIT EVENING PRAYERS 6-6:30pm:** Join us for our weekly Wednesday evening prayers w/ intentional liturgy, contemplative song, psalms & sharing of prayers with our siblings from Newton Presbyterian on Zoom: [tinyurl.com/COTCeveningprayers](https://tinyurl.com/COTCeveningprayers). We may have some in-person prayers this summer, stay tuned for more information.

**LIFE ALIVE** is our COTC 20s30s40s young adult group. **LIFE ALIVE BRUNCHES** will meet on the following dates: **Saturday, June 25** at 11am; and on **Sunday, July 17** and **Sunday August 21** immediately following worship. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please email Rev. Joshua at [joshua.lazard@cotcbos.org](mailto:joshua.lazard@cotcbos.org).

**CYCE (Children & Youth Christian Education):** If you're a family new to COTC, we are glad you are here! We welcome babies, children, and youth in our worship together. During the school year, we offer Christian education opportunities for children and youth of all ages. Our Sunday school has paused for the summer, and we will resume classes and reopen the nursery in the fall. To learn more about our CYCE programs, or so we can get to know you better, please email Rev. Kate at [kate.carlisle@cotcbos.org](mailto:kate.carlisle@cotcbos.org)

**CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY:** We have an amazing all-volunteer choir here at Covenant lead by our Minister of Music Tom Handel. Our choir gets the summer off. If you are interested in singing with us this coming fall, or if you play an instrument and would like to contribute to a special service at some point, please feel free to be in touch with Tom.

**JUBILEE JAUNTS:** As Spring is upon us again, our Climate Jubilee Team has also brought our Jubilee Jaunts back! Let's get out into the beauty of God's natural world in the gift of our watershed as it is now, and find peace and blessing from it. Mark your calendars now for these simple jaunts for an hour or two together in community being blessed by Creation.

- Sunday July 24, 3:00pm Middlesex Fells with Syd Smith, park at the Flynn ice rink in Medford: [Sign up here](#)
- August – Jaunt on Your Own and send in a photo! We will also hold an adult ed in September to share our reflections on what this intentional jaunt soaking in God's Creation was like for you. More details TBA.
- *Questions or Ideas?? Email [Betty](#) and we'll add it to the list!*

**POSTING FULL SERVICE RECORDINGS/ CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS ONLINE:** We will be posting the entire service, including our sharing of celebrations and concerns, that is livestreamed online on our [Worship Recordings Page](#). Please let us know if you have any questions.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR** Click [here](#) to view the weekly calendar of events.

*Visitor or Newcomer? Welcome to Church of the Covenant!*

We are glad you are here. Please let us know if there are ways we can help you connect to the church community. Learn more about the church by visiting our website at [www.cotcbos.org](http://www.cotcbos.org).

**Parking Bargain** – Worshipers may park at the Back Bay Garage [Clarendon Street, between Boylston and St. James] on Sundays between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. for the first (3) hours for only \$5. To get this discounted rate, please ask an usher before or after the worship service for a parking discount voucher.

**Prayers of Celebration or Concern May Be Shared in the Red Book** – At the rear of the Sanctuary is a red book where prayers that you wish to have spoken aloud during the Pastoral Prayer time may be written. The book will be available until the time of the offering.

**Time of Greeting** – after worship this morning, we hope that you will take a few minutes after going outside the sanctuary to connect with others worshipping with you, especially people you may not know as well.

**Hearing Assisted Devices** – speak with an usher if you would like to use these devices that work with or without a hearing aid. These devices are specifically designed to work only with our sound system. Please remember to return the device at the close of the service. Thank you!

**Building Accessibility** – our building includes an exterior ramp on Newbury Street and an elevator (in the Parish House part of the building) which allows access to the fellowship hall, meeting rooms, offices, and other parts of the building. We also have accessible all gender rest rooms. Please ask an usher to help you locate these resources.



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Worship at Church of the Covenant is the heart and soul of our life together as a community of faith. Since 1932 we have been a federated church, maintaining membership in the United Church of Christ and the Presbyterian Church (USA) and welcoming pilgrims and inquirers from all traditions to our life and work. Through our prayer and praise, in our concerns and celebrations, by word and sacrament, art and silence, we seek empowerment, together and individually, as a covenant people, for the work of Christ.

Jesus taught that the Spirit invites all people, including society's outcasts, to enjoy seats at God's table. This congregation seeks to demonstrate that vision by welcoming individuals and families without regard to race, gender identity, age, physical/mental condition, or sexual orientation. We rejoice in the presence of children among us, and we strive to include them in our ministry. We maintain ties of faith with the Church of the Poor in the community of the Sweet Name of Jesus, in Northwestern Nicaragua.

We believe God's blessings are found in marriage equality for all. Thus, we joyfully welcome the opportunity afforded us by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the United Church of Christ and the Presbyterian Church USA to join couples of all sexual orientations in fully legal and holy marriage.

In our worship we use language and imagery that reflect the wonderful diversity of the image of God in humanity and all of creation; that transcend the exclusive language of the church's past. And as stewards, we seek to live into the Spirit's blessing as we move in solidarity on this shared and sacred, common home we call earth. We invite you to join us in the journey toward God's justice and peace for all of Boston and beyond!

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Rob Mark, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Joshua Lazard, *Associate Pastor*

Thomas Handel, *Minister of Music*

Bill Brown, *Building Manager*

Rev. Kate Carlisle, *CYCE Coordinator / Parish Administrator*

Nancy Stockford, *Financial Secretary*

Fred Lopes, *Sunday Sexton*

Alan Lane, *Food Cupboard Coordinator*

**CHURCH OFFICERS**

Liz Vizza, *President of the Corporation*

Trudi Veldman, *Clerk of the Council*

Anita Gram, *Moderator of Board of Deacons*

Faith Perry, *Treasurer*