

THE LORD'S DAY ~ September 3, 2017

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Preparation for Worship Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

*"In our homes, in school and office,
hallow all the work we do,
teaching, toiling, helping, healing,
may our lives connect with you.
Take our efforts, dreams accomplished,
take our disappointments, pain.
Lord of life, you lived as worker,
Jesus, work through us again."*

~ Jocelyn Marshall, "God at Work"

Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

*A cry room for small children with televised worship
is available in the Fellowship Hall during the service.*

Prelude

"Ancient of Days" (1)

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto the Ancient of Days;
From every nation, all of creation, bow before the Ancient of Days.
Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,
Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship.
You will be exalted, O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days.

*Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth,
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to Your matchless worth ~
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.*

Invocation

***Call to Worship** Psalm 98:4-6

***Hymn of Praise** *"God of Work"* (Tune: T457) (2)

God of work, who works within us, each new day our strength renew.
When life's burdens seem too heavy may we put our trust in you.
Guide our minds, inspire our thinking; guide our hands, increase our skill;
Give us courage when we falter; use our gifts to do your will.

Christ as carpenter you labored, knew the joy that work can give,
Helped the fishers bring their net in, taught all people how to live;
Healed the sick, gave hope and freedom, fed the hungry, blessed the wine.
You who know the cost of loving, be for us our life's design.

In our homes, in school and office, hallow all the work we do,
Teaching, toiling, helping, healing, may our lives connect with you.
Take our efforts, dreams accomplished, take our disappointments, pain.
Lord of life, you lived as worker, Jesus, work through us again.

*For those who are able, please stand at these times.

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***Hymn of Adoration** *"To God Be the Glory"* (T55)

***Confession of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism Questions 99-100

Leader: *What is the Third Commandment?*
People: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Leader: *What is God's will for us in the Third Commandment?* (3)
People: That we neither blaspheme nor misuse the name of God by cursing, perjury, or unnecessary oaths, nor share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders. In a word, it requires that we use the holy name of God only with reverence and awe, so that we may properly confess him, pray to him, and praise him in everything we do and say.

Leader: *Is blasphemy of God's name by swearing and cursing really such serious sin that God is angry also with those who do not do all they can to help prevent it and to forbid it?* (4)
People: Yes, indeed. No sin is greater, no sin makes God more angry than blaspheming his name. That is why he commanded the death penalty for it.

Scripture Reading John 14:15-31 (PB901)

Call to Confession Titus 3:5

Pastoral Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon John 11:25-26

Hymn of Confession *"From Depths of Woe"* (Words: T554) (5)

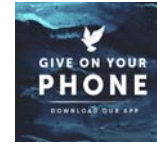
Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Proverbs 15:16

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Offertory Hymn *"The Law of the Lord Is Perfect"* (T152)

Prayer of Illumination Psalm 119:104

Sermon Romans 1:16-17

Romans (31): A Gospel Preaching Introduction ~ I(31)
"Justified by Faith Alone"
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***Hymn of Response** *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"* (T521)

***Charge and Benediction** Ephesians 1:16-18a

***Hymn of Benediction** *"The Doxology"* (T731)

***Postlude**

THIS WEEK, September 3-9, 2017

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.
•Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.
Monday •Labor Day, CCS No School
Wednesday •Back to School Picnic, 4:00 p.m.
•Dinner Served 5:30 p.m.

Announcements

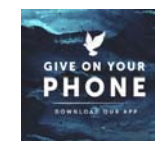
- ◆ **Nursery This Week** Morning Worship ~ Elizabeth Sato, Belynda Walker
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week** Sunday School ~ Michele Devereaux
Morning Worship ~ Sara Washburn, Susan Harris
- ◆ **Ushers Today:** Ian Harris, Drew Hollo, Matt Hollo, Brice Hollo
- ◆ **Ushers Next Week:** James Thompson, George Goehring, Warren Furches, John Armstrong
- ◆ **Budget Summary:**

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement	\$	5,550.00
Tithes/Offerings, August 27, 2017	\$	4,281.87
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$	20,399.39
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$	26,840.08
Mortgage Balance	\$	193,720.16

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COVENANT FAMILY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Brian Delmar, September 7th
Helen Newman, September 7th
David Russell, September 9th
Lillian Harris, September 9th
Nathan & Elizabeth Sato, September 4th

CPC On-Line Prayer Room

View the on-going prayer requests on the church website:
www.covenantpca.net/community/prayer-room



September Collection Items: "Toiletries & Hair Supplies"
toothbrushes, combs, bar soaps



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**Mary Queen of Scots
1542-1587**



Born into privilege and power, Mary Stuart became the queen of Scotland upon the death of her father, James V, when she was six days old. Of course, she had some growing up to do, so she was sent off to the French court while others ruled her homeland.

Mary was pampered and prodigious, educated in languages, music, and the Catholic faith. At age fifteen, she married the fourteen-year-old crown prince of France, who became king the next year and died the year after that. By the age of seventeen, Mary, a widow and doubly a queen, had mourned the deaths of several people close to her.

Returning to Scotland, young Mary ruled through six tempestuous years. Presbyterian reformer John Knox railed against Mary's staunch Catholicism. To her credit, she met with him to resolve issues, but she ultimately accused him of treason. Her love life was often wrapped up in political scandal. Her third husband was accused of murdering her second husband, and she was implicated. Mary was forced to abdicate the Scottish throne in 1567, in favor of her one-year-old son, James (yes, *that* King James).

She fled to England, assuming that her cousin, Queen Elizabeth, would welcome her. Not so. England had Protestant-Catholic tensions of its own, and Mary herself had talked with supporters about making England Catholic again (and assuming the throne). Seen as a threat, Mary was imprisoned and eventually executed.

It's hard to see into the soul of Mary, but maybe there are spiritual lessons to be learned. Who knows how she was shaped by the pampering and pain of her youth? It seems that as a young queen, she assumed she deserved respect—and was surprised when she didn't get it. As a devout Catholic, she might have carried similar assumptions into her spiritual life. Many people of different denominations have the same issue today. *Because I am a good Christian, God owes me respect.* But true Christianity is not about deserving God's respect; it's about relying on his mercy.

In Frederick Schiller's insightful play *Mary Stuart*, the proud queen makes a humble confession shortly before her execution: "I tremble to approach, sullied with sin, the God of purity."

All assumptions aside, that is the response of true faith.

*"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor."
~ James 4:10*



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