

COVENANT SERVICE

INVITATION Commit yourselves to Christ as His servants. Give yourselves to Him, that you may belong to Him. Christ has many services to be done. Some are more easy and honorable, others are more difficult and disgraceful. Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests, others are contrary to both. In some, we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ. Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Let me be Your servant, under Your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to Your will in all things.

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

Lord, make me what You will. I put myself fully into Your hands: put me to doing; put me to suffering, let me be employed for You, or laid aside for You; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to Your pleasure and disposal.

Beloved, confirm this by a holy covenant. First, set apart some time, more than once, to be spent alone before the Lord in seeking earnestly God's special assistance and gracious acceptance of you; in carefully thinking through all the conditions of the covenant; in searching your hearts whether you have already freely given your life to Christ. Consider what your sins are.

I freely confess my sins and trust in God's grace alone.

Consider the laws of Christ, how holy, strict, and spiritual they are, and whether you, after having carefully considered them, are willing to choose them all.

I will, God as my helper.

Second, be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and reverence.

I will, God as my helper.

Third, claim God's covenant, rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength, so you can keep your promise. Trust not your own strength and power.

I will, God as my helper.

Fourth, resolve to be faithful. You have given to the Lord your hearts, you have opened your mouths to the Lord, and you have dedicated yourself to God. With God's power, never go back.

O God, You know that I make this covenant with You today without guile or reservation. If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it aright. And now, glory be to You, O God the Father, Whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my God and Father. Glory be to You, O God the Son, Who have loved me and washed me from my sins in Your own blood, and now is my Savior and Redeemer. Glory be to You, O God the Holy Spirit, Who by Your almighty power have turned my heart from sin to God. O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You have now become my Covenant Friend. And I, through Your infinite grace, have become Your covenant servant. So be it.

And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven.

Amen.

Pastoral Pray and Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Invitation to Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

*The Benediction

Rev. Heaton

*Choral Benediction

Grace, Love, and Fellowship

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the love of God, our Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us. May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the love of God, our Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us forever, and ever, forever more. Amen.

Postlude

David Landrum

(*Please stand as able) CCLI # 11408803

Announcements

Who's Who in The Pew - Member Attendance & Visitor Info – If you are a visitor, WELCOME!

Please fill out the yellow card located in the pews and place it in the basket during offering so we may record your attendance. Include your name and any prayer requests or concerns for our church leaders. If you are a visitor, please include your contact info and any requests.

Note of thanks to all who helped with JJ's send-off two Sundays ago. He and Christina appreciated the food, gifts, and prayers.

People in Ministry: Today, Reader: Suzanne Conklin; Greeters: Barbara Cooper & Doris Miller; Counters: Roy Walker & Brian Henshaw. Next Sunday: January 21: Reader: Cathy Lichvar; Greeters: Loretta Lantz & Audrey Dorton; Counters: Gary Lantz & Mary Anton

Line Dancing - our next class and line dancing is Friday, January 19, at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments available. Come join the fun in the fellowship hall!

Funeral – Lloyd Henry's funeral will be here on Saturday, January 20, at 11 a.m.

Work Areas - Care & Connect and Worship & Wonder meet this Tuesday, SPPRC meet Thursday, see calendar on back for times. Educate & Equip meetings moved to Tues., Jan 23. Reach & Serve has a Box of Sox for the homeless (the box is under the ministry table in the narthex).

Snow Update - If we cancel worship due to weather, it will be posted on the Kernstown United Methodist Church Facebook page. We will attempt to post it on radio. If the parking lot and sidewalks are not clear on Sunday morning, worship will be cancelled.



Please know that ALL children are ALWAYS welcome to attend our entire church service in the sanctuary. We offer an optional short Children's Church program during Sunday worship