

Cove Presbyterian Church

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**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

O Taste and See Ralph Vaughan Williams

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating.

**O sing to the Lord a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.**

**God has remembered God's steadfast love and
faithfulness.**

I will rejoice and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard.

**O sing to the Lord a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.**

**God has remembered God's steadfast love and
faithfulness.**

Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

**O sing to the Lord a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.**

**God has remembered God's steadfast love and
faithfulness.**

***HYMN 61**

Your Law, O Lord, is Perfect

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Majestic Creator,
we fail to believe we carry your image
and we fail to behave as those who belong to you.
Mighty Savior,
we turn from your path of sacrificial love
and we turn toward our personal preferences.
Merciful Spirit,**

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

we forget your call to righteousness
and we forget our need of you.
In our sinfulness, triune God, we seek now your
forgiveness,
praying that you will relieve the burden of our regrets
by the power of your patient love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Be glad and rejoice forever in what God is creating:
newness of life.

In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God
and to one another. Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE, Hymn 583 *Glory to God*
once unison, two times in a round

WORD

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *Golden Sheaves* arr: Parker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 21:5-19
The word of the Lord.
Thanks to be God.

SERMON

*HYMN *How firm a foundation* #67 MAH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from the Confession of 1967*
The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.
His service to humankind commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

SENDING

***HYMN 353** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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Today's call to worship and confessional liturgy are from the *Call to Worship* online journal, a publication of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.

Join us today at 3:00 PM for the installation of the Rev. Linda Kurtz Burch as our pastor. Worship leaders include Josh Andrzejewski, Les Dorland, Suzanne Riehl, and the Cove choir. A reception will follow!