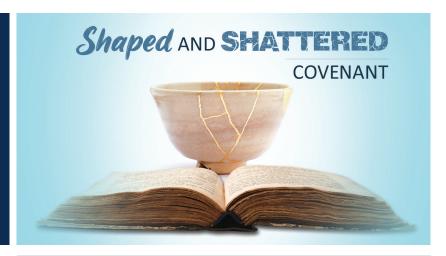


June 28 – 29, 2025

Covenant Leviticus 26:9



#### MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

# CONTEMPORARY | OUTDOORS SATURDAY 5:30 pm | SUNDAY 10:30 am

**Praise You Anywhere Build My Life Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) Canvas and Clay** 

## CLASSIC | SANCTUARY | SUNDAY 9:00 am

Be Thou My Vision **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** PIANO / FLUTE: Be Thou My Vision Go, Make Disciples

MESSAGE: Paul Dean **Communion** (Saturday 5:30)

#### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Classic: Sun 9:00 am (sanctuary)

Contemporary: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10:30 am (outdoors)

If you're planning to attend an outdoor service, bring a lawn chair and watch for weather alerts at popmn.org. Resources, livestreams, playlists and podcast links: popmn.org.

## Worship change for next weekend!

The campus will be closed this week for staff sabbatical. Call 952-435-8102 for pastoral emergencies. There will be one worship service next weekend: Sunday, July 6 at 10:00 am. All other services are canceled, and there will not be a livestream.

Bluegrass Worship | July 12-13 | All worship services Enjoy the sounds of mandolin, banjo, bass and fiddle! Join us for this special weekend and bring a friend - or two!

#### JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Register for Worship Arts Camp by July 8 July 28 – 31 | 9 am – 4 pm | \$120 | Ages 3 – Completed Grade 5 Sign up to participate or volunteer at popmn.org.

**Reminder:** There will be no Mission Outpost orientation this week!

### JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

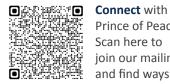
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# **Connect With Us**

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# "I will look with favor upon you and make you fruitful and multiply you; and I will maintain my covenant with you." — Leviticus 26:9

What things in your life have you kept? Do you still have your favorite childhood toy? Do you have any family heirlooms in your home? Where are they from, and what do they mean? What does it mean to hold onto memories in that way? How can that be comforting or inspiring?

What things in your life have you let go?
When have you let go of something you still love?
Homes, ideals, relationships, beloved pets, future plans?
Have you been able to let go of things that are no longer helpful?
Clothes that don't fit, objects you've outgrown, devices that no longer work?
How about insecurities, habits or relationships?

How do you know when it's better to hold things tightly, and when it's better to let them go?

God chooses to enter into relationship with the Israelites, and with us, through covenant. In other words, it's relationship based on promises. It sounds simple, but it doesn't always go well. We humans are ... well ... human. The Israelites rebelled, broke God's heart with their lack of faith, forgot the promises or failed to live them out. They didn't trust the story.

Just like us. That still happens today.

Which leads us to God's response in Jeremiah 31:33, which says this: "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

How does God respond to the people's unfaithfulness? How does God respond to the pain of rejection? Does God choose to leave these people, to destroy them?

Does the last line, "I will be their God, and they shall be my people," remind you of the lines from Ruth 1:16? Ruth pledges her life and devotion to Naomi, saying "your people shall be my people, and your God my God." Whether those texts are related or not, how do they both show a letting go for the sake of relationship?

Relationship is God's highest priority. So God chooses to form a new relationship the people, one that's not based on mutual promises. In this new relationship God makes all the promises. God promises to write his instructions on our hearts where we'll carry them always. In Jeremiah 31:34, God promises to let go of anything – anything! – that might stand in the way of relationship. God has let it all go for the sake of relationship.

What should we do with this good news?

How can we move forward in the best way with a God who lets go and loves us freely?

Are you carrying anything you need to let go for the sake of relationship?

Are you carrying guilt or shame that you need to put down in order to be who you were created to be?

Are you carrying a wound or a scar that makes you long for release? How can you leave that behind?