



Out of care and love for our faith community, the Session of Calvary Presbyterian Church strongly encourages everyone to wear masks regardless of their vaccination status.

## Updated Guidance | Delta Variant

- Wearing masks reduces the risk of becoming infected or transmitting the virus to others.
- The CDC recommends **unvaccinated people** wear masks.
- The CDC recommends that those who are **not eligible** for vaccines, including children under the age of 12, wear masks.
- In areas with substantial and high transmission, the CDC recommends that **fully vaccinated people** wear masks in public, indoor settings to help prevent the spread of the Delta variant and protect others.
- The CDC defines “substantial transmission” as counties with 50 to 100 cases per 100,000 residents over a seven-day period, and “high transmission” is more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over seven days.

As of Tuesday, September 21, **Indiana County had 364.3** cases per 100,000 people over seven days.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
RWANDA PARTNERSHIP SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Today, we celebrate and give thanks for what God has done and is doing in our midst. We give great thanks to God for bringing together the people of Eglise Persbyterienne au Rwanda (EPR), the Gitarama Region, and the people of the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas. We, the people, the Church, the Body of Christ, were called into partnership by God in 2006, with a delegation commissioned by the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas to travel to Rwanda.

PREPARING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

*(At 10:55 a.m., a brief greeting as we prepare for worship.)*

PRELUDE – Siyahamba

. John Behnke

STRIKING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO PARTNERSHIP SUNDAY

*(Stand at the beginning of the Hymn and the Gathering Prayer.)*

\* HYMN 370, *sing all together* – This Is My Father’s World

\* GATHERING PRAYER

*(All be seated.)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Deacon Linda Llyod

Leader: God invites us to examine our faithfulness.

We who have known God’s healing touch are called to a life of gratitude.

Challenged to be builders and planters, we are faced with our harmful, unproductive habits. Together, we seek a better way.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *responsively*

**People: We make our plans, O God,  
and often you only feature in our leftover time.  
Forgive us, we pray.**

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\* *As you are able, please stand.*

**We pursue our hopes, but they are seldom hopes  
that you will call us to a higher service.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**We order our lives but rarely plan  
to make you and your will the top priority.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

*(A time of silence for personal confession.)*

Leader: O Lord, unsettle our plans;  
reorder our hopes by your grace.  
Direct our lives in accordance with your ways  
and make us eager to be your faithful people,  
dedicated to your new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### KYRIE ELEISON

Leader: Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

#### RESPONDING TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS, *responsively*

Leader: Hear the good news!  
Hope does not disappoint us,  
for God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Spirit.  
Believe in the good news and give thanks!

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God!**

*(Stand for the Passing of the Peace.)*

#### \* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, *responsively*

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

*(All be seated.)*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dr. Tim Runge

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Holy God, this is your time to speak. Awaken us to hear your word.  
Help us to understand your word as it applies to our lives.  
Then, strengthen us to live by your ways. In Jesus' name, we pray.  
Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING                      Isaiah 43:14-21, New Revised Standard Version

<sup>14</sup>Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. <sup>15</sup>I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. <sup>16</sup>Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

### REFLECTIONS ON RWANDA & MISSION

Elder Mark Phoebus

*(Stand for the Affirmation of Faith.)*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, *all together*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again:  
he ascended into heaven.**

**He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*~The Apostles' Creed*

*(All be seated.)*

OFFERING, *responsively*

Leader: We dedicate to God all that we are and all that we have.

**People: We bring our offerings to God,  
acknowledging that all God's gifts  
are given for our growth  
and for the service of humankind.**

Leader: Let these gifts be signs and instruments of our faithfulness to God.

*(Stand for the singing of the Doxology and the Prayer of Dedication.)*

\* DOXOLOGY, *sing all together*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts.

Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes  
in Jesus Christ, the head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

*(All be seated.)*

PRAYERS OF THANKS AND CONCERN

LORD'S PRAYER, *all together*

**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.**

*(Stand for the singing of the Hymn and remain standing.)*

\* HYMN 39, *sing all together* – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

\* BENEDICTION

Leader: Go out into the world in peace;  
Have courage; Hold on to what is good;  
Return to no one evil for evil;  
Strengthen the fainthearted;  
Support the weak, and help the suffering;  
Honor all people.  
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
And now...

\* POSTLUDE – Thuma Mina (Send Me, Lord)

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This week's flowers are to the glory of God in loving memory of our parents, Elizabeth and Regis McKnight, by Barry, Annie, Jerry, and Barbara.

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# This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.



# 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,  
 there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,  
 Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:  
 As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 러 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주