

Easter  
Sunday



Let us not mock God with metaphor,  
Analogy, sidestepping, transcendence,  
Making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the faded  
Credulity of earlier ages:  
Let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mache,  
Not a stone in a story,  
But the vast rock of materiality that in the slow grinding of  
Time will eclipse for each of us  
The wide light of day.

~ John Updike

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024  
Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago

## *Welcome to Covenant*

Children's programming is available during both services on the lower level, see page 14 for details. Large Print orders of worship and devices to improve hearing are available in the back of the sanctuary.

### WELCOME

*Pastor Dan Adamson*

*Prepare for worship*

Erbarme dich, St. Matthews Passion by J.S. Bach

*Rachael Holzhausen*

Have mercy, my God, for the sake of my tears  
Look here, heart and eyes weep bitterly before you.  
Have mercy, have mercy.

***Change the Color:*** *The cross was covered in black on Good Friday to reflect mourning and the abandonment of Christ by his followers and the rejection of Christ by the Father. White reflects the hope of the resurrection, as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death.*

Near Light, by Ólafur Arnalds

*arr. by Paul-David Young*

### EASTER CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the good news—the grave is empty;  
Christ is risen.

**All: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.

**Al: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news—once we were no people;  
now we are God's people.

**All: Hallelujah!**

Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace  
we now share with each other.

**All: Hallelujah!**

## GOD GATHERS US TO WORSHIP

Therefore, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. Hebrews 10:19–22

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, — Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heav'n in cho - rus say, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - al - ted Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth re - ply, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened pa - ra - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where's thy vic - tory, boas - ting grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today, words: Charles Wesley, 1740; music: Lyra Davidica, 1708*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

Leader: Glory to you, O God. We raise our joys and triumphs high for on this day we stand in the warm and bright light of the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.

We respond to  
God's call by  
adoring him and  
by realizing that  
he is among us  
as we gather.

**All: By his dying, he destroyed death,  
and by his rising, you restore to us everlasting life.  
By your Spirit, make us glad with your presence.**

*Silent moment of adoration*

Hal - le - lu - jah, Christ is ri - sen.

He is ri - sen in - deed, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Christ is Risen, Paul van der Bijl, Easter 2024*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

from 1 Peter 1:13-16

Leader: Prepare your minds for action, and be sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

**All: Father, forgive us our undisciplined and distracted hearts and minds. We so easily give in to those passions that drive us away from the open arms of your Son. Have mercy on us and reveal to us by your Spirit the hope we have in Christ.**

*Silent time of confession*

Search me, O  
God, and know  
my heart; test  
me and know  
my thoughts.  
See if there  
is any wicked  
way in me, and  
lead me in the  
way everlasting.  
Psalm 139.23

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-  
2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is  
lone. What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to Him be  
good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-dee-mer's  
long. Who holds our days with-in His hand? What comes, a-part from His com-  
blood. Who holds our faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-bove the stor-my  
mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand..  
trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un-to the shore, the rock of Christ?  
— O sing hal-le-lu-jah! Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O sing hal-le  
lu-jah! Now and e-ver we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death, Jordan Kaufman, Keith Getty, Christ Covenant Church, Atlanta, GA, 2020*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*from 1 Peter 1:3-4*

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!" And what re - ward will hea-ven bring? E - ver - las - ting life with Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed, And we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is ours for-e - ver - more.

O sing hal - le - lu-jah! Our hope springs e - ter-nal; O sing hal - le lu-jah! Now and e - ver we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The piece begins in 3/4 time and concludes with a double bar line. The final section of the score features a change in time signature, alternating between 2/4, 3/4, and 2/4.

Old Testament Lesson - Isaiah 25.6-9, p.586

New Testament Lesson - Colossians 1.15-20, p.983

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOD  
SPEAKS  
TO US

A great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak. 1 Kings 19:11-13

1. Je - sus, stand a - mong us in your ri - sen power;  
 2. Breathe the Ho - ly Spi - rit in - to e - very heart;  
 3. Gra - cious Fa - ther hear our prayers and anx - ious pleas.

let this time of wor - ship be a hal - lowed hour.  
 bid the fears and sor - rows from each soul de - part.  
 Strength - en us with your Word, bend our hearts to Thee.

*Jesus Stand Among Us, Words: William Pennefather, 1873, Music: Friedrich Filitz, 1847  
 vs.3 by Paul van der Bijl, 2024*



## THE WORD

Pastor Aaron Baker

*See the Place*, Mark 15.42-16.8, p.853

<sup>42</sup> And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup> Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup> Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>45</sup> And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. <sup>46</sup> And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>47</sup> Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup> And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*musical interlude and moment of silent reflection*

Hallelujah and Amen

GOD  
COMMUNES  
WITH US

God is the  
host of this  
family meal.  
We come to his  
table unified in  
peace and offer  
a communal  
prayer of deep  
gratitude for  
all that He has  
done through  
his Son.

COME WITH PEACE

Leader: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to the Lord**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise**

*Greet each other in the name of Christ.*

COME WITH GENEROSITY

*We come to the Table with a generous heart and give back to God a portion of what he's already given us. Offer your resources back to God in support of the work of the church by placing your offering in the box on the back wall. You can also give online at [covenantchicago.org/give](http://covenantchicago.org/give), use the QR code on page 16, or text a donation amount to 84321.*



1. The Lamb has ov - er - come; the Lamb has ov - er -  
2. No grave could hold Him down; No grave could hold Him  
3. At God's right hand is He; at God's right hand is



come. The bat-tle's done and the vic - tor - y is won; the  
down. Up from the ground "He is ris - en!" was the sound; No  
He. Our Per - fect Plea as He lives to in - ter cede; At

**Chorus**



Lamb has ov - er - come.  
grave could hold him down.  
God's right hand is He. (to CHORUS) Worth - y is the



Lamb who was slain Glor - y be un - to His name. Worth - y



is the Lamb who was slain; glor - y be un - to His name.

*The Lamb Has Overcome, Words and Music: Luke Morton, 2011,  
Green Lake Presbyterian Church, Seattle, WA.*

## COME WITH THANKSGIVING

Leader: As we approach your table, grant us the peace with each other that we find in you so that we can come to this feast united in love. Accept now our offerings of bread, wine and gifts to you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to the work of your kingdom.

**All: On this Day of days, always and forevermore,  
we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection  
of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord!**

Leader: For he is the very Paschal Lamb offered for us,  
to take away the sin of the world.

**All: By dying he destroyed death,  
and by rising he restored to us everlasting life.**

Leader: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
and with all the faithful of every time and place  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

4. The tab - le now is spread; The tab - le now is  
5. The day is draw - ing near; The day is draw - ing  
spread. This wine and bread brok-en bod-y and blood shed; The  
near. He shall ap - pear and will wipe a - way each tear; The  
**Chorus**  
tab - le now is spread.  
day is draw - ing near. (to CHORUS) Worth - y is the  
Lamb who was slain Glor - y be un - to His name. Worth - y  
is the Lamb who was slain; glor - y be un - to His name.

## COME TO THE TABLE

Please note that we serve both red wine and white grape juice. Gluten free bread is available in a separate dish.

### Receiving Communion

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of baptized Christians. We invite all to partake of this sacrament who trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

### Song for Communion

*You are welcome to join in song:*

1 Crown him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.  
2 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

Hark! how the heaven-ly an - them\_ drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the\_ strife for those he came to save;  
rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied;  
cre - a - tor of the rol - ling spheres, in - ef - fa - bly su - blime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
his glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,  
no an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
All hail, Re - dee - mer, hail! for thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
but down - ward bends their bur - ning eye at my - ste - ries so bright.  
thy praise shall ne - ver, ne - ver fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

## Silent prayers for reflection

### *Prayer for those searching for truth*

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### *Prayer of belief*

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord.

## RESPOND TO THE TABLE

Leader: Remembering your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we take from your creation this bread and this wine  
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,  
as we await the day of his coming.  
With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you  
to be a living and holy sacrifice  
dedicated to your service.

**All: Great is this mystery of faith:  
Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Hal - le - lu - jah, Christ is ri - sen.  
He is ri - sen in - deed, hal - le - lu - jah!  
Hal - le - lu - jah!

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff is a simple melody for the words 'Hal - le - lu - jah, Christ is ri - sen.' The second staff continues the melody with 'He is ri - sen in - deed, hal - le - lu - jah!' and includes a double bar line with repeat dots. The third staff is a simpler, more melodic line for 'Hal - le - lu - jah!' also ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## IN COMMUNITY

*Larissa Bossemeyer*

Announcements, events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks

## WITH BELIEF

*Apostle's Creed*

GOD  
SENDS  
US

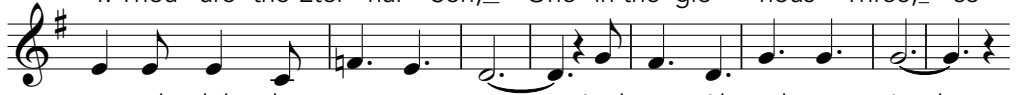
I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ  
his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## WITH JOY



1. Thou one Be-got - ten Son, \_ E - ter - nal Word a - dored, \_ Im -
2. To bring sal - va - tion nigh, \_ To van - quish death and sin, \_ You
3. Save us, O Christ our God, \_ Save by Your Cross, we pray; \_ You
4. Thou are the Eter - nal Son, \_ One in the glo - rious Three; \_ co -



mor - tal while the a - ges run, \_ And our Al - migh - ty Lord. \_  
did in cru - el an - guish die, \_ And life for mor - tals win. \_  
who did bear the Fa - ther's rod, \_ and death by dy - ing slay. \_  
e - qual praise while a - ges run \_ Shall e - ver rise to Thee!



Ha - le - lu - jah and A - men. \_ our \_ Christ is Ris'n a - gain! \_ Ha - le



lu - jah and A - men. \_ Ha - le - lu - jah and A - men! \_

Grace to you  
and peace from  
Jesus Christ the  
faithful witness,  
the firstborn  
of the dead,  
and the ruler of  
kings on earth.

To him who  
loves us and has  
freed us from  
our sins by his  
blood be glory  
and dominion  
for ever and  
ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5-6

*Hallelujah and Amen, Words from the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 3rd. cent.;*  
*Music: Paul van der Bijl, Easter, 2021*

## WITH BLESSING

*Pastor Aaron Baker*



*Flowers this morning were donated by:*

Eve and Kevin Bradshaw in memory of our daughter and our son, Caitlin and Aidan; The Wood Family in memory of Robert Wood, Christine Marx, and Sybil Slater; Linda Gehrs in hope of the resurrection and in memory of her beloved and dearly missed parents, Jack and Patricia Gehrs, her brother Eric Gehrs, and Thomas M. Johnston, Jr. (I Thess. 4: 14); Beth Brinley and Ryan Bee in memory of Anne Marie Brinley and Jan Bee; Martha Metcalfe in memory of Fred Metcalfe and to “not losing heart” (2 Cor 4:16) for my sister Liz Metcalfe; Sherri and Phil Bredenberg in memory of Kirk Bredenberg 11/2/2012; The Faasse family in memory of our loved ones; The Spalink Family in memory of Matt VanHoff and Ryan Pennings; Karyn Herndon in memory of her parents, Nancy and Peter Grimm; The Ellison Family in memory of Jonathan’s mother and father, Janie and Bill; Paul van der Bijl in memory of his parents, Mijo and Adriaan; Caroline Hoit in memory of her Aunt Sarah Gibson, and her Aunt Phyllis Hatcher; Pamella Anderson in memory of Nathanael Taylor and Jeremiah Taylor; The Foresters in memory of Shirley May Dannull Forester; Allison and Aaron Baker in memory of David LeRoy and Frank Hopp; Joshua and Melissa Norton in memory of Ryan Pennings; Steve and Holly Lehmann, in memory of our grandparents.

*watercolor by Lenae van der Bijl*





1st Service, 9:00am

2nd service, 11:15am

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level
- Children's Worship: preK-5th Grade, lower level
- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level

Common Ground, 10:15am

- Coffee and snacks in the Fellowship Hall

### Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Melissa Norton, Shawn Bandel, Nick Natsis <sup>(9:00)</sup>; Amy and Brad Lewis, Rachel Salsedo <sup>(11:15)</sup>

Ushers: David Hofman, Kim Edison, James Leach <sup>(9:00)</sup>; Rich Van Der Molen <sup>(11:15)</sup>

Musicians: Paul van der Bijl, guitar vocals; Paul David Young, electric guitar, vocals; Adèle-Marie Buis, oboe; Mike Middleton, bass; Erica Norman, vocals; Brent Stutzman, piano (Boulevard Presbyterian Church); Gunn Kim, violin; Drew Goodwin, viola; Rachael Holzhausen, vocals; Devon Spencer, vocals; Laelia van der Bijl, vocals; Danny Medina, sound technician.

**Large Print orders of worship and electronic hearing assistance devices are available in the back of the sanctuary. An usher can assist you with finding and using these items.**

### COMMON GROUND CLASSES

**From Gospel to Apocalypse:** Join us for this 9-week class taught primarily by Olivia Stewart Lester (Associate Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, Loyola University). Throughout this series, we'll be introduced to the full New Testament canon and how these texts relate to the broader story of Scripture. We'll also spend time each week in specific passages to help us better understand these books of Scripture. Class will begin on April 14.

**In the Company of Jesus:** Throughout the Gospels, Jesus teaches and cares for his disciples in unique ways. What can we learn from the way Jesus cares for those who are closest to him and what can it tell us about how he speaks to us? Join us for this 6-week class beginning April 14. We'll look at stories centered on things like power, suffering, listening well, and fear with an eye towards learning what Jesus means to teach us as we seek to follow him.

**Covenant Life Class:** Join us for our Covenant Life Class taught by the staff. This 6 week class, beginning April 14 is for those who are interested in learning more about the church and the things we care about most, starting with the gospel. This class is a requirement for those who wish to become members. For more information, contact Pastor Dan ([dadamson@covenantchicago.org](mailto:dadamson@covenantchicago.org)).

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Small Groups:** Covenant small groups meet throughout the city. Small groups are a great way to get to know others at Covenant, study Scripture, and pray together. If you'd be interested in learning more about small groups, please contact Pastor Dan. ([dadamson@covenantchicago.org](mailto:dadamson@covenantchicago.org)).

**Pickleball at Covenant:** Join others from Covenant for pickleball in the gym on some Saturdays from 9 to 11 am. All are welcome to join; instructors will be available if you're new to the sport. Sign up on our website ([covenantchicago.org/pickleball/](http://covenantchicago.org/pickleball/)) for upcoming dates. Questions? Contact Ian Cull ([iancull74@gmail.com](mailto:iancull74@gmail.com)).

**Men's Retreat:** Join others from Covenant on April 26-28 for our annual men's retreat at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, WI. You can find more information and register online at <https://covenantchicago.org/events/mens-retreat/>. Contact [men@covenantchicago.org](mailto:men@covenantchicago.org) with questions.

**Congregational Meeting:** Covenant will have our annual congregational meeting on April 7 at 10:30 am in the sanctuary. We'll talk about the budget that begins on April 1, hear some updates about the previous year, and talk about some projects we hope to tackle together in the coming year. Children's Sunday School classes and nurseries will be available, but there will be no adult classes during this time.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Volunteer with Children's Ministry:** Covenant needs additional volunteers to help in our nurseries, children's worship classroom and Sunday school classrooms. We need volunteers during both services (9:00 and 11:15 am) and during Common Ground (10:15). To volunteer, contact Lynda Adamson ([ladamson@covenantchicago.org](mailto:ladamson@covenantchicago.org)).

**April Mercy Bin:** For the month of April, Covenant is collecting donations to support New Moms, an organization working to change the future for young moms experiencing poverty and homelessness in Chicagoland by offering housing, job training, and family support. Current needs are for Enfamil baby formula (especially NeuroPro and Gentlease NeuroPro), disposable diapers (particularly sizes 4, 5, and 6) and diaper wipes. Donations will be collected in the Mercy Bin in the back of the Narthex throughout the month. Questions? Contact Deb Van Der Molen ([dvmolen79@gmail.com](mailto:dvmolen79@gmail.com)).

**Serve Breakfast at Breakthrough:** On the fourth Saturday of every month, Covenant provides breakfast for the Breakthrough women's shelter. If you are interested in volunteering to help purchase, prepare and serve food to shelter guests, you can reach out to [breakthrough@covenantchicago.org](mailto:breakthrough@covenantchicago.org) for more information or sign up for upcoming dates on our website: <https://covenantchicago.org/events/breakfast-at-breakthrough/>.

## NEWS AND UPDATES

**Sermon Devotional Emails:** Twice a week, a team from Covenant sends sermon devotional emails that will help you reflect on and pray through the prior week's sermon text and Scripture lessons. Email [devotional@covenantchicago.org](mailto:devotional@covenantchicago.org) to sign up.

**Parents of Diverse Learners:** If you have a child with a disability taking part in our children's ministry, we would like to try and find ways to meet your child's unique needs. One of our deacons, Kylene Young, has years of experience as a special education teacher and can work with you and our volunteers to tailor a plan. If you're interested in learning more, contact Ian ([ian@covenantchicago.org](mailto:ian@covenantchicago.org)) or Kylene ([Kyleneyoung@gmail.com](mailto:Kyleneyoung@gmail.com)).

**Do you know about the Deacons Fund?** If you are experiencing any kind of personal or financial hardship and would like some help, please contact our deacons ([deacons@covenantchicago.org](mailto:deacons@covenantchicago.org)). Your email will go directly to the deacons, and they'll treat it with confidentiality. If you're able, now is a great time to contribute to the Deacons Fund to meet the needs of others in our congregation. You may contribute to the Deacons Fund by writing "Deacons Fund" in the memo of a check or by selecting the Deacons Fund option on Covenant's giving site.

**Let Us Pray for You:** Covenant's staff meets to pray for the congregation throughout the week. We would be honored to pray for you. You can share prayer requests by writing them on the tear out portion at the back of the order of worship or by emailing Pastor Dan ([dadamson@covenantchicago.org](mailto:dadamson@covenantchicago.org)).



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## SESSION

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## Covenant Life

### *Worship Together:*

We are made to worship the Triune God, and our worship is always ordered around Jesus Christ and the forgiveness and grace he secured for us by his cross, resurrection and ascension. Gathering around this good news together on Sundays strengthens our appetites, imaginations and abilities to live as followers of Jesus.

### *Grow and Learn Together:*

Learning about our faith and growing together in it forms us into human beings who are fully swept up into the work God is doing to reconcile all things to himself in Jesus. Learning is more than simply knowing; it is the internalization of truth that leads to mature thinking and acting.

### *Serve Together:*

The natural outcome of receiving and experiencing grace is to be propelled outward into mission and service. All of us have been given gifts to use for the good of our common life and for the good of the broken world around us, and we encourage everyone to regularly use their gifts in service.



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