



*When
you
Pray*

2nd Sunday of
Eastertide
April 16
2023

If you do something good, then, after a while, if you don't watch it, you start showing off.

~ Houlden Caulfield in The Catcher in the Rye

cover by Leilani Pierson

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

Silent moment to prepare for worship

Eastertide Call To Worship

from an ancient Easter hymn of praise known as the Exultet.

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

All: Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
To the one who is, and who was, and who is to come.



I___ know that my Re - dee-mer lives glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___
He___ lives, he lives, who once was dead glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___
He___ lives, to bless me_ with his love glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___



What_ com-fort this sweet sen-tence gives glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___
He___ lives, my e - ver - las - ting Head glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___
He___ lives to plead for_ me a - bove glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___



Shout_ on, pray on, we're gain-ing ground glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah! The



dead's a - live and the lost is found glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___

Leader: Rejoice, O church! Exult in glory!
The risen Savior shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

All: **Rejoice, heavenly powers!**
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Amen.



He___ lives, all glo-ry__ to his name! glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___



He___ lives, my Je - sus, still the same glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___



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I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Words: Samuel Medley, 1775, Music: American Folk melody

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

a prayer of silent adoration:

O Mighty King, you are triumphant and victorious and you are our redeemer.
We rejoice and glory in the risen Savior.

All:

1. Je - sus, stand a - mong us in your ri - sen power;
2. Breathe the Ho - ly Spi - rit in - to e - very heart;

let this time of wor - ship be a hal - lowed hour.
bid the fears and sor - rows from each soul de - part.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The second system also has two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the staves of each system.

Jesus Stand Among Us, Words: William Pennefather, 1873, Music: Friedrich Filitz, 1847

Leader: Father, we praise you for the resurrection of your son Jesus Christ.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus and open our eyes and hearts to your presence. Amen.**

Confession of Sin, Isaiah 53:5-6

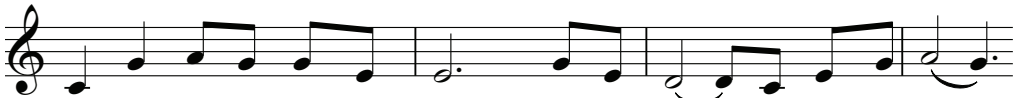
Leader: He was pierced for our transgressions;
 he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
 and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
 we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
 the iniquity of us all.

Silent time to pray and confess

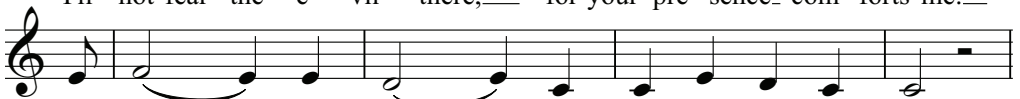
Sing to Confess



1. O Lord, my shep - herd I'll not want.
2. You lead me on the ho - ly path,
3. And though I walk through death's dark vale,



Lay me down in pas-tures green. — lead me by — the qui - et stream.
guid - ed by your right-eous grace, — for your glo - ry and your name.
I'll not fear the e - vil there, — for your pre - sence. com - forts me. —



Re - store — my soul, — O Lord, re - store my soul.
Di - rect — my way, — O Lord, di - rect my way.
De - fend — my life, — O Lord, de - fend my life.

Psalm 23, Paul van der Bijl, 2022

Assurance of Pardon, 1 Peter 2:24–25 & Psalm 23

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**All: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

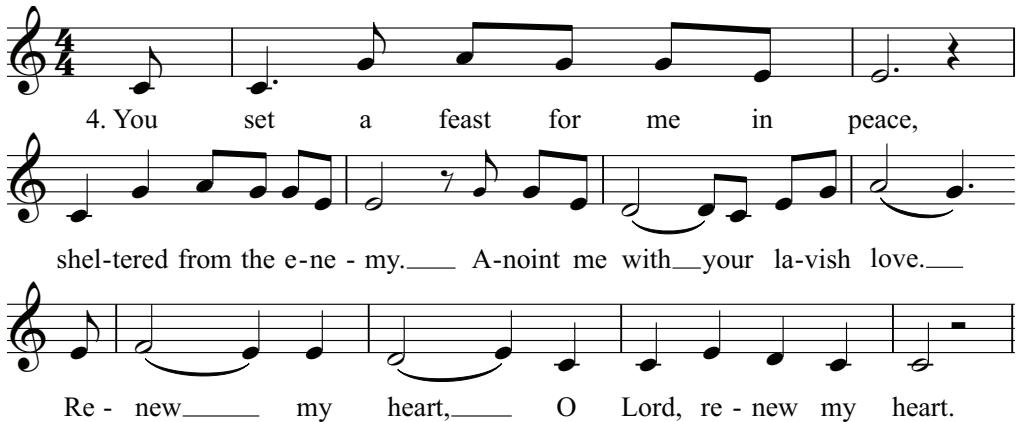
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.


Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Sing to Assure



4. You set a feast for me in peace,
shel-tered from the e-ne - my. ___ A-noint me with ___ your la-vish love. ___
Re - new ___ my heart, ___ O Lord, re - new my heart.

Refrain



Good-ness and mer - cy will fol - low me all of my days, ___ for
you are my shep-herd, my shel-ter, and wor-thy of pra - ise!

Lessons from the Word

read by Emily Willis ①, Jared Knelsen ②

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 40.1-3, p.468
New Testament Lesson - 1 Peter 5.6-7, p.1017

Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

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The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker
When You Pray, Matthew 6.5-13, p.811

⁵ "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,
¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Notes:

**All: 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, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

musical interlude and moment of silent meditation

Sacrament of Communion

2 Corinthians 13:11-14: Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them 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

Giving back to God a portion of what he's already given us is an important part of the Christian life. The bread and wine we use in communion are a picture of the gifts that God has given us, offered back to him as an act of worship. You can offer your resources back to God in support of the work of the church by placing your offering in the boxes in the back on the way out. You can also give online at covenantchicago.org/give, use the QR code on page 15, or text a donation amount to 84321.

All: Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, Music, German Psalter, 1561

Eastertide Great Thanksgiving

by Samuel Wells, vicar, St. Martin-in-the-fields, Church of England, 2016

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: We give you thanks because you are continually renewing your work of creation and transforming it to show your glory through resurrection.

Leader: With your touch you formed us from the dust of the earth.
You raised your people from slavery in Egypt;
you bound them to you through your covenant on Sinai;
and you made yourself known to them in exile and the Promised Land.

**All: In the cross of Jesus you take into yourself the scars of our sin,
and in his resurrected body you invite us to touch the wounds of your love.**

Leader: And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

**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.**

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

Distribute the Bread & Cup

Please note that we serve both red wine and white grape juice

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, and seek strength to live more faithfully for him.

Silent prayers for reflection

Prayer for those taking communion

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, your death and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

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. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

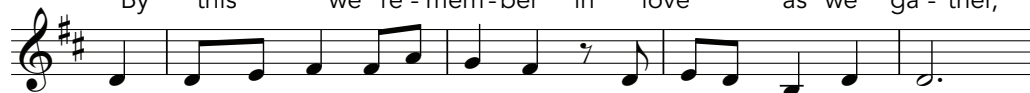
Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Grant also that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

Music for Communion

You are welcome to join in song:



By this we re-mem-ber in faith as we ga-ther,
By this we re-mem-ber in hope as we ga-ther,
By this we re-mem-ber in love as we ga-ther,



with bread and wine we re-mem-ber un-til he comes a-gain.
with bread and wine we re-mem-ber un-til he comes a-gain.
with bread and wine we re-mem-ber un-til he comes a-gain.



When He comes__ a-gain, like a thief in the night, when he comes__ a-



gain, all the wrongs will be right. All the earth lift-ed up as



heav-en_ comes down: we re mem-ber un-til he comes a-gain.

Until He Comes Again by Sandra McCracken, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, 2022

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.**

Chorus



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gain, all the wrongs will be right. All the earth lift-ed up as
heav-en_ comes down: we re mem-ber un - til he comes a - gain.

The Work of the People

Romans 12:4-6, *For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.*

in community

Events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks.

Go With Joy

All:

1. A - maz - ing_ grace! How sweet the sound that
2. 'Twas grace that_ taught my heart to fear, and
3. Through man - y_ dan - gers, toils and snares, I
4. When we've been_ there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a_ wretch like me! I once_ was_ lost, but
grace my_ fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace_ hath brought me
shin - ing_ as the sun, We've no_ less_ days to

now_ am_ found, was blind, but_ now I see.
grace_ ap - pear the hour I_ first be - lieved!
safe_ thus_ far, and grace will_ lead me home.
sing_ God's praise than when we_ first be - gun.

Amazing Grace, Words: John Newton, 1779; Music: Traditional American Melody, 1900

Benediction

Romans 15:5-7 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church

TODAY AT COVENANT

1st Service, 9am

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

2nd service, 11:15am

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level

Common Ground, 10:15am

- Nursery: Ages 0-4 (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: Pre-K-8th (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: High School (Youth Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Not the Way It's Supposed to Be (Conference Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Feasts, Lost Sheep and a Tiny Mustard Seed (Library, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: The Church in the World (All Saints Room, Lower Level)
- **Coffee and snacks available in all classrooms and the Fellowship Hall**

Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Bill Heine, Brendan and Katie Oosse (9:00); Lynda Adamson, Shawn Bandel, Rich Lane (11:15)

Ushers: Christie Kay (9:00); Phil Koerner, Matt ver Steeg (11:15)

Welcome Table: Jon Skinner (11:15)

Musicians: Mike Middleton, bass; Paul David Young, electric guitar, keys, vocal; Adriane Fink, flute; Paul van der Bijl, guitar, vocals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

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.



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 for more information.

Feasts, Lost Sheep and a Tiny Mustard Seed: The Parables of Jesus. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus used parables to teach about the nature of God, faith and the kingdom. How should we read the parables? What can we learn from these short, punchy, and sometimes surprising stories and images? How do they relate to the rest of Jesus' teaching? Join us for this 6-week class on the parables beginning today at 10:15 in the Library.

Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: Each week in service, we confess our sins together as a congregation. But what exactly is sin, and what has it done to us and to the world as God designed it to be? Join us for this 5-week class that will explore the doctrine of sin using Cornelius Plantinga's book *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be*. Class will meet in the Conference Room at 10:15.

The Church in the World. Join us for this two-week class led by Covenant's Mission Committee to learn more about the way that Covenant supports the global church. On April 16, we'll talk about our vision for mission

involvement, and talk about the missionaries we support. On April 23, we'll hear from Jamie and Jacki Gildard, missionaries we support in Toulouse, France, to learn more about their work. Join us during Common Ground at 10:15 in the All Saints Room.

NEW MOMS

HOMES · JOBS · STRONG FAMILIES

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. This year, we're collecting a variety of items such as board books, food pantry supplies and baby supplies such as bottles and pacifiers. You can find a full list at covenantchicago.org/mercy-bin/. 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).

Men's Retreat: Join other men from Covenant for our annual retreat on April 28-30. Whether you are brand new to Covenant or a church founder, this will be an opportunity to retreat from the daily grind and start or strengthen relationships. Register and learn more at covenantchicago.org/events/mens-retreat/.

Women's Dinners: Gather together for a relaxing, laid back evening of dinner & conversation with women from Covenant at restaurants throughout the city on April 21, April 22, and May 2. Learn more and sign up at covenantchicago.org/events/womens-dinners/.

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).

Wednesday Morning Women's Group: Join other women from Covenant on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 am for a small group. They are currently studying Liturgy of the Ordinary by Tish Harrison Warren. Childcare is available. Contact Emily Willis for more details (emily.m.schroeder@gmail.com).

Family Pizza Party: Do you have elementary-aged children? Then plan to join us for a Covenant Family Pizza Party on April 23rd in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. We'll have lunch together and there will be organized games for kids. We hope this provides space for parents to fellowship and connect. Sign up online by April 19 to join us: <https://covenantchicago.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1677007>.

Ushers Needed: Ushers are the first people to greet people as they come to Covenant. They pass out the orders of worship, help people find the bathrooms and classrooms, and help at the end of service to clean up the sanctuary. Most ushers serve once a month. If you'd like to join our usher team, please contact Jonathan Ellison (jellisonimages@gmail.com).

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 Ian Troll (ian@covenantchicago.org).

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 to sign up.

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 David (dsalsedo@covenantchicago.org).

Sermon Text Next Week: Luke 11:5-13

Giving QR Code





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Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David Dillon, Dave Hoover, Kevin Jones, Brad Lewis, Steve Lehmann, David Salsedo.

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Treasurer: Ben Harvey

If you're in need or wish to speak with a deacon, you can email us at diaconate@covenantchicago.org.

Welcome to Covenant

Please fill out this form, tear it out, and put it in one of the offering boxes at the back of the church.

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New to Covenant | Regular Attender | Member

Name:

Email:

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Phone:

↑ *This is new or updated information* ↑

I am interested in:

- More information
- Small Groups
- Service Opportunities
- Membership
- Receiving the Email Letter
- Children and Youth Ministry
- Other:

Prayer Requests:

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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and a world
continually made new
by the grace of Christ*

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