

Sabbath

The mind that comes to rest is tended In ways that it cannot intend: Is borne, preserved, and comprehended By what it cannot comprehend.

Your Sabbath, Lord, thus keeps us by Your will, not ours. And it is fit Our only choice should be to die Into that rest, or out of it.

~ Wendell Berry

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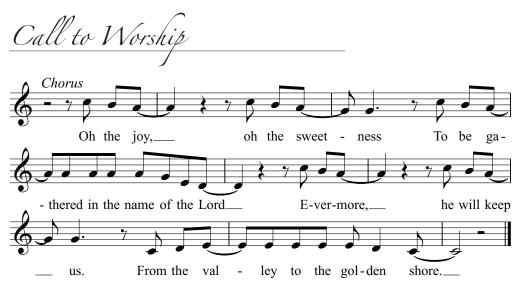
Children's programming is available during both services on the lower level, see page 15 for details.

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

By your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.



from Psalm 135 Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD.

All: We stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!

- Leader: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!
 - All: For the LORD has chosen us for himself, we are his own possession.



Oh How Good to be Together, by Kirk Sauers and Paul Ranheim, First Presbyterian, Augusta, GA, 2022

Adoration and Invocation Prayer of

moment of silent adoration

Prayer of silent adoration:

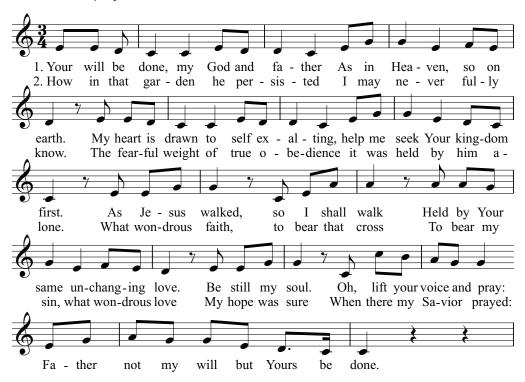
O God, how good it is be gathered together in your house. We thank you and adore you for your presence among us.



Leader: Oh the joy and sweetness to be in your house ever singing your praise, All: Come Holy Spirit and visit us with you presence today. Amen.

Confession of Sin from Philippians 4

- Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
 - All: Father, we want to control our circumstances and those around us because our anxiety consumes us and we do not trust you. Forgive us our unbelief.



Silent time to pray and confess

Your Will Be Done, Jonny Robinson, St. Pauls Anglican Church Castle Hill, New South Wales, Australia, 2020

Assurance of Pardon

from Romans 5 and Philippians 4

- Leader: While we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, and now that we are reconciled we will we be saved by his life. We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.
 - All: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

3. When I fear and am lost, when Ι am bro - ken In the night of forth. our God and Fa - ther Lead us 4. As we go dai - ly in the doubt. Still I will trust in my good Fa - ther Yes, to one great King I That all the world might see Your glo - ry and Your Name be fight. lif-ted • Je - sus bow! As rose, so L shall rise In ran-somed high. And in this Name we o - ver - come For You shall With all your saints I at the throne. My heart re - stored glo - ry sing: We lift our voice and pray: safe-ly home Now as your church see us Fa - ther done. will Yours be but not my

Lessons from the Word

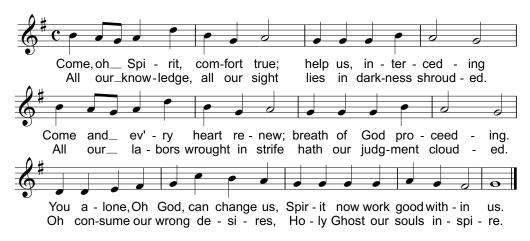
read by Kristin and Shane O'Grady ①, Sarah Marlow ②

Old Testament Lesson -Deuteronomy 29:29, p.171 New Testament Lesson -

Colossians 1:9-14, p.983

The Word of the Lord Reader:

Thanks be to God All:



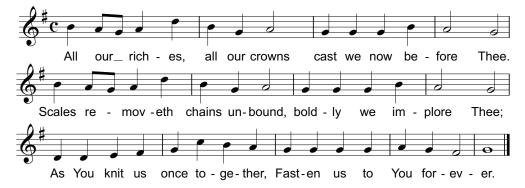
Come O Spirit, Words and Music, Isaac Wardell, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville, 2008

The Word

Pastor Dan Adamson Your Will Be Done, Matthew 26:36–46, p.832

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

Notes:



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.



The Great Thanksgiving All: ₽ ╼. 1. In Christ of fer all He we that has 2. So we ber all that He re mem re --3. Sent forth in beau rec - on - cil - ing ty, 0 6 0 of fered. The per - fect of fer ing. mem - bered. The whole of love turned. re all things. Ra _ diant in ho li ness. refrain $||_2$. 1. life____of___the world. life Christ is the of the world. bridge Let us lift up, lift our hearts. Let us lift up, lift our hearts. It is good to lift our hearts to theLord.

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.



Christ is the Life of the World, by Sandra McCracken, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, 2022

Distribute the Bread (&

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.

New Communicants

Brendan Fisher

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:

Chorus:

- All: O Lord, have mercy, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy, have mercy upon us.
- Leader: O God the Father,
- All: Have mercy upon us
- Leader: Creator of heaven and earth,
 - All: Have mercy upon us

to Chorus

- Leader: O God the Son,
- All: Have mercy upon us
- Leader: Redeemer of the world,
 - All: Have mercy upon us

to Chorus

- Leader: O God the Holy Spirit,
- All: Have mercy upon us.
- Leader: Sanctifier of the faithful
- All: Have mercy upon us

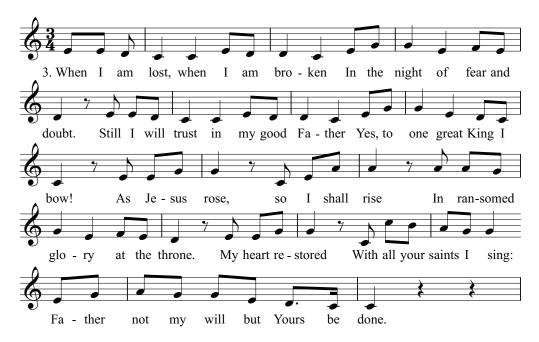
to Chorus

- Leader: Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, one God
 - All: Have mercy upon us

to Chorus O Lord, Have Mercy, Words and Music, Steve Williamson, Church of Resurrection, Wheaton, IL, 2007

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.



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 prayer

Led by Jennie von Drehle ①, Christie Kay ②

A prayer for our community

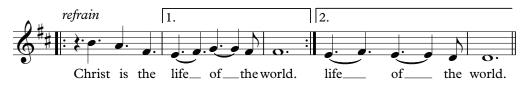
- Leader: Lord in your mercy
 - All: Hear our Prayer

A prayer for our city

- Leader: Lord in your mercy
 - All: Hear our Prayer

A prayer for our world

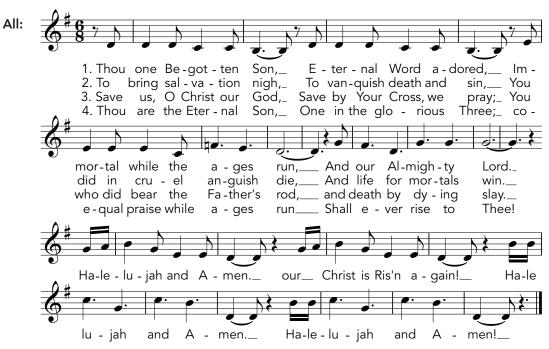
- Leader: Lord in your mercy
 - All: Hear our Prayer
 - Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.



in community

Events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks.

Jo With



Hallelujah and Amen, Words from the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 3rd. cent.; Music: Paul van der Bijl, Easter, 2017

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.

TODAY AT COVENANT

1st Service, 9am

• Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level

- 2nd service, 11:15am
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- Children's Worship: preK-5th Grade, 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: Loss, Heartache, and Gospel Transformation (All Saints Room, Lower Level)
- 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)
- Coffee and snacks available in all classrooms and the Fellowship Hall

Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Amy and Brad Lewis, Isak Siemens (9:00); Ian Troll, Andrew Dykstra, Phil Koerner (11:15) Ushers: Chuck Michalek, Ryan Von Drehle (9:00); Phil Koerner (11:15)

Welcome Table: Phil Koerner (9:00)

Musicians: Matthew Siefert, bass; Cassidy Miller, vocals; Paul van der Bijl, guitar, vocals., Devon Spencer, vocals; Paul David Young, electric guitar, keys; David Kwon, drums.

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.

One Service Sundays: We'll have one service at 10:15 am on May 28, June 25, July 2, August 27 and September 3. There will be no Common Ground on these days. Childcare will be available during service for children birth through 5th grade. Plan to join us for an all-church cookout after service on June 25 and August 27.

Breaki hrough

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 or sign up for upcoming dates on our website: https:// covenantchicago.org/events/breakfast-at-breakthrough/.

Feasts, Lost Sheep and a Tiny Mustard Seed: 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 class on the parables at 10:15 in the Library. Today, Pastor Aaron will teach on two parables about work.

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 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. Today, Kevin Jones will teach on the fight or flight nature of sin.

Loss, Heartache, and Gospel Transformation: Living in this broken world, no one escapes heartache over the course of their lifetime. So, how do we experience the gospel in a way that breaks the patterns of harm so we don't continue to pass our pain onto others? In this class, we explore how Jesus invites his church to be a place of radical honor and honesty in telling our stories, the crucial role of grief and lament in discipleship, and how the gospel leads to real, lasting change in our hearts, minds, and bodies. Join us for this class taught by Pastor David Salsedo at 10:15 in the All Saints Room.

Pickleball at Covenant: Pickleball will be available in the Covenant gym on some Saturday mornings, from 9-11 am. Bring your own paddle and join other Covenant folks for some co-ed fun and exercise. Instructors will be available if you have never played and there will be a few paddles available to borrow if needed. Sign up at covenantchicago.org/pickleball for upcoming dates. Contact Matt Ver Steeg (msversteeg@hotmail. com) with questions.

Summer Dinners Together: Join others from Covenant for potluck gatherings throughout the city this summer. One June 3, July 8 and July 29, Covenant is organizing backyard dinners for groups of 12-20 throughout the city. If you'd be interested in attending or hosting one of these get-togethers, please fill out the form on the Welcome Table, on our website (https://covenantchicago.org/events/dinner-together/) or email Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org).

Sunday Morning Sound Technicians Needed: No experience is neccesary and training will be provided. If you are interested in helping run sound on Sunday mornings please contact Russell Kamp at russellkamp@gmail. com.

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 Margret-Ann Natsis (margretann.natsis@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).

Gospel Justice Center: Graphic Designer Needed. The Gospel Justice Center, our monthly legal clinic, is in need of help designing a Covenant-specific flyer to assist with marketing efforts for our clinic. If you're interested in helping with this flyer or ongoing print and social media design, please contact Linda Gehrs (LMGehrs@gmail.com).

Meals Ministry: The Meals Ministry cares for our community by providing occasional meals to individuals and families. If you have recently experienced health problems, have welcomed a new child into your family, or have suffered a loss, please visit covenantchicago.org/meals-ministry/ to request a meal. The Meals Ministry also seeks volunteers to cook and deliver meals, and you can sign up to volunteer through the website link. Questions? Contact meals@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).



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Session

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

Please direct correspondence for the Session to session@covenantchicago.org.

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Andrew Dykstra, Jonathan Ellison, Phil Koerner, Joel Miller, Margret-Ann Natsis, Shane Rector, Deb Van Der Molen, Matt Ver Steeg

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

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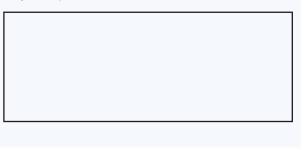
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I am interested in:

- 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.



a church, a city, and a world continually made new by the grace of Christ

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