



Ascension
Sunday
7th Sunday of
Eastertide
May 21
2023

Ascension

*Stretching Himself as if again,
through downpress of dust
upward, soil giving way
to thread of white, that reaches
for daylight, to open as green
leaf that it is...*

*Can Ascension
not have been
arduous, almost,
as the return
from Sheol, and
back through the tomb
into breath?*

*Matter reanimate
now must relinquish
itself, its
human cells,
molecules, five
senses, linear
vision endured
as Man—
the sole*

*all-encompassing gaze
resumed now,
Eye of Eternity.*

*Relinquished, earth's
broken Eden.*

*Expulsion,
liberation,
last*

*self-enjoined task
of Incarnation.*

*He again
Fathering Himself.*

*Seed-case
splitting.*

*He again
Mothering His birth:
torture and bliss.*

~ Denise Levertov

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

Ascension Call to Worship

from Revelation 5:12-13

Reader: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

All: Then every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, sang:

To him who sits on the throne, and un - to the Lamb.

To him who sits on the throne, and un - to the Lamb:

Be bles-sing and ho - nor and glo - ry and pow - er for - ev - er,

be bles-sing and ho - nor and glo - ry and pow er for - ev - er.

To Him Who Sits on The Throne, Words and Music, Debbye Graafsma, 1985

Leader: To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

All: Jesus ascended in triumph to his heavenly throne.
There he hears our prayers, pleads our cause before the Father,
and rules the world.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.
Come let us worship and bow down.



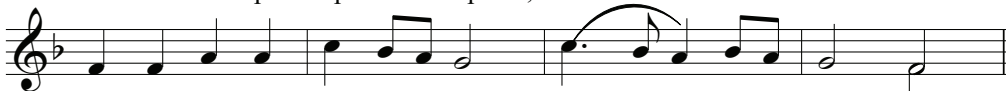
1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Still for us he in - ter - cedes; Al - le - lu - ia!



to his throne veil'd from our eyes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates. Al - le - lu - ia!
 See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!
 his a - ton - ing death he pleads, Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 He has con-quer'd death and sin; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! his gra-cious li-ps be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
 near him-self pre - pares our place, Al - le - lu - ia!



en - ters now the high - est heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!
 take the King of glo - ry in. Al - le - lu - ia!
 bles-sings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
 he the first-fruits of our race. Al - le - lu - ia!

Hail the Day, Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Welsh hymn melody, 1837

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Holy Father, thank you for the ascension of your Son, Jesus Christ, and that he is present with us now, ruling in peace and justice through your Holy Spirit.

silent moment of meditation and adoration

Leader: In the majesty of your reigning Son, and by the power of your Holy Spirit
All: visit us with your presence today. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all in all. - Ephesians 4:4-6

2nd service only

Sing to Prepare, Holy Baptism

All: 

De - scend, O Spi-rit, purg-ing flame,____ brand us this day with Je-sus'
De - scend, O Spi-rit, as a dove,____ clothe us this day in Je-sus'
De - scend, O Spi-rit, be our guide,____ the voice of God, a migh ty

name!____ Con-firm our faith, con-sume our doubt;____ Sign us as
love.____ Mark us as chil-dren of the King;____ Then send us
tide.____ Con-vict our sin, com-pel our lives;____ Spi-rit, keep

Christ's, with-in, with- out, Sign us as Christ's with-in with- out._
forth, in Je sus' name, Then send us forth in Je-sus' name.
us and draw us nigh, Spi - rit, keep us and draw us nigh.

Audrey Jule FisherDubois, daughter of Mike and Tess

Prayer of Congregational Blessing:

All: Ever-living God, in your mercy you promised to be not only our God but also the God of our children. We thank you for receiving **Audrey** by baptism. Keep her always in your love. Guide her as she grows in faith. Protect her in all the dangers and temptations of life. May she be a faithful disciple of your son Jesus Christ to her life's end. In Christ's name, Amen.

All Sing: "Descend, O Spirit purging flame..."

Confession of Sin

from John 6:35-51

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

All: Jesus, you are the life of the world.

Forgive us our tendency to sustain ourselves and find our meaning in anything but you and your grace and mercy.

Silent time to pray and confess



1. A - bide with me: fast falls the ev - en - tide;
2. Swift to its close life ebbs out ev - ery day;
3. I need your pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour.



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way.
What but your grace can foil the tempt - er's power?



When o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
Who like your - self my guide and strength can be?



Help of the help - less, Lord, a - bide with me.
O Lord who chang - es not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.

Abide With Me, Words: Henry Lyte, All Saints' Church, Brixham, UK, 1847; Music: William Monk, 1861

Assurance of Pardon

based on John 6:54-69

Leader: Jesus says to us, "I have ascended to where I was before and the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. Whoever finds their sustenance in me has eternal life and I will raise them up on the last day."

All: Lord, you have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God. We find our life in you.

4. I fear no foe with you at hand to bless,
though ills have weight, and tears their bit - ter - ness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your vic - to - ry?
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Lessons from the Word

read by Brent Blankenship ①, Ranya and Mark Faasse ②

Old Testament Lesson -

Psalm 104.27-34, p.503

New Testament Lesson -

Hebrews 1.1-4, p.1001

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



1. We have come to join in__ wor- ship And a - dore the Lord our God.
2. See them ga-ther all a - round you, Those He__ bought at such a cost;
3. Let us__ love our God su- preme- ly;__ Let us__ love each o - ther, too.



Let us__come in prayer, ex - pec - ting__ God to__speak His migh - ty Word.
See the__wea-ry, see the__ hur - ting, See the_lone - ly, see the lost.
Let us__care for all His_ peo - ple__ Till our_God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the__ Spi - rit Of the Ho - ly One comes down.
Be His hand, and touch the__ nee - dy; Be His gos - pel, let it__ sound!
Christ will call us home to__ Hea - ven. At His ban - quet we'll sit__ down;




Christ - ians_ pray and ho - ly__ man - na__ Will be__ sho-wered all a-round.
Be His_ bo - dy, and sweet man - na__ Will be__ sho-wered all a-round.
Christ Him-self will rise and_ serve us__ Li- ving_ man - na all a-round.

We Have Come to Join in Worship, words: Ken Bible; music, William Moore, 1825


The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker
Daily Bread, Mark 6:30–44, p.841


³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶ Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

All: 

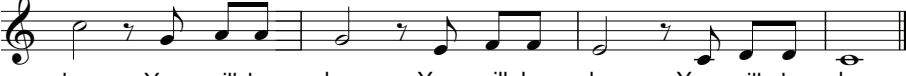
Our Fa- ther, who in hea- ven be, All hal- low- ed praise we sing to
Give us th- is day our dai- ly bread. For give our__ debt- ors and our
All praise to__ Thee, the God of Light; All Praise to__ Christ, the glo- rious



Thee. And as we__ hail your king- dom come, We
debt. And from temp- ta- tion lead the way. Guard
Son; And to the__ Sp- rit, Lord of might, Now,



al- so__ pray your will be done. Your will be
us from__ ev- il till the day, Your king- dom
and e- ter- nal a- ges run. All praise to



done Your will be done, Your will be done, Your will be done.
come, Your king- dom come, Your king- dom come, Your king- dom come.
Thee, All praise to Thee, All praise to Thee, All praise to Thee.

The Lord's Prayer, by Paul van der Bijl, 2012, based on the Lord's Prayer, verse 3 based on a Latin hymn

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 we of - fer all that He has
 2. So we re - mem - ber all that He re -
 3. Sent forth in beau - ty, rec - on - cil - ing



of - fered. The per - fect of - fer - ing.
 mem - bered. The whole of love re - turned.
 all things. Ra - diant in ho - li - ness.

refrain

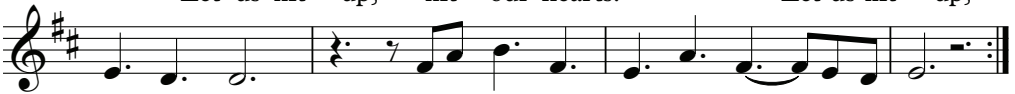


Christ is the life of the world. life of the world.

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Let us lift up, lift our hearts. Let us lift up,



lift our hearts. It is good to lift our hearts to the Lord.

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.

refrain



Christ is the life of the world. life of the world.

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

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:



The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate syllable placement. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The first staff contains three numbered lines of lyrics. The second staff continues the lyrics. The third staff continues the lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the lyrics with a double bar line.

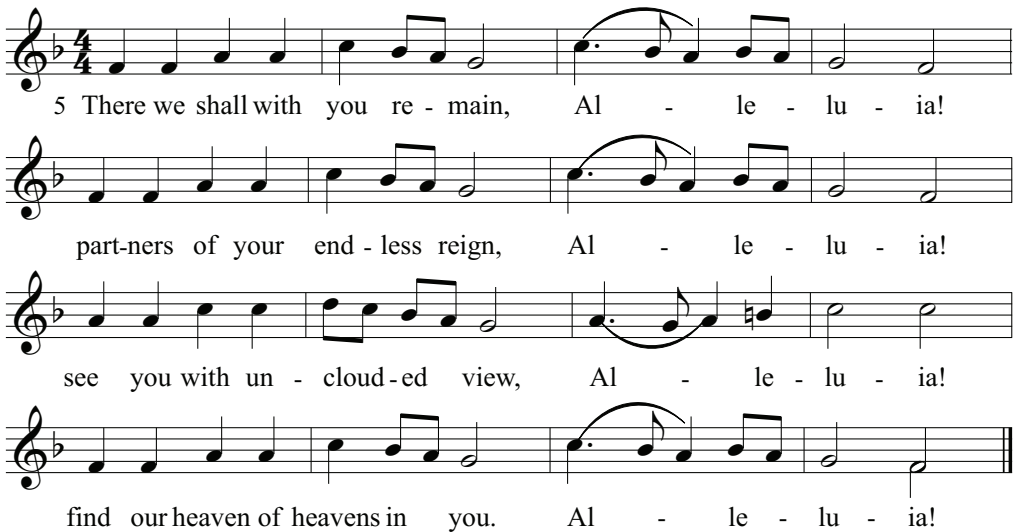
1. My_ shep-herd will sup-ply my_ need, Je - ho - vah is his name;_
2. When I walk_ through the shades of_ death, his_ pre - sence is my stay;_
3. The_ sure pro - vi - sions of my_ God at - tend me all my days;_
in_ pas - tures fresh he makes me feed be - side the li - ving stream.
one_ word of_ his sup - por-ting breath drives all my fears a - way._
oh,_ may his_ house be my a - bode and_ all my work be praise.
He brings my_ wand'-ring spi - rit_ back when I for - sake his ways____
His hand, in_ sight of all my_ foes, will still my_ ta - ble spread;_
There would I__ find a set - tled rest while o - thers go and come,____
and_ leads me,_ for his mer - cy's sake, in_ paths of truth and grace._
my_ cup with_ bles-sings o - ver - flows; his_ oil a - noints my head._
no_ more a__ stran-ger or a__ guest, but_ like a child at home._

Words: Isaac Watts, Mark Lane Congregational Chapel, London, UK, 1719; Music, American Folk Melody

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.**



5 There we shall with you re - main, Al - le - lu - ia!
part-ners of your end - less reign, Al - le - lu - ia!
see you with un - cloud - ed view, Al - le - lu - ia!
find our heaven of heavens in you. Al - le - lu - ia!

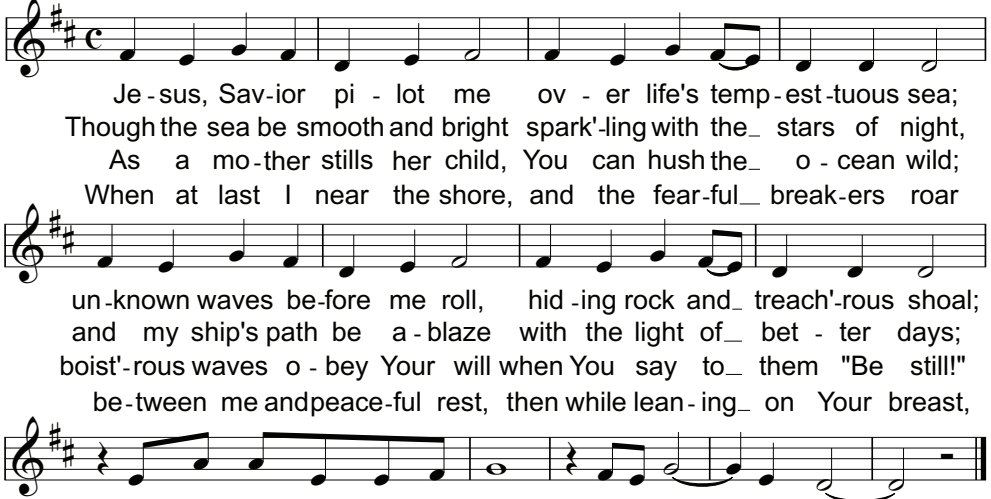
The Work of the People

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: 

Je - sus, Sav - ior pi - lot me ov - er life's temp - est - tuous sea;
Though the sea be smooth and bright spark - ling with the _ stars of night,
As a mo - ther stills her child, You can hush the _ o - cean wild;
When at last I near the shore, and the fear - ful _ break - ers roar

un - known waves be - fore me roll, hid - ing rock and _ treach' - rous shoal;
and my ship's path be a - blaze with the light of _ bet - ter days;
boist' - rous waves o - bey Your will when You say to _ them "Be still!"
be - tween me and peace - ful rest, then while lean - ing _ on Your breast,

chart and com - pass came from Thee! Savior pi - lot Me. _
still I know my need of Thee! Savior pi - lot Me. _
Won - drous Sov - reign of the sea, Savior pi - lot Me. _
may I hear Thee say to me: "I will pi - lot Thee."

Jesus Savior Pilot Me, Words: Edward Hopper, 1871, Music: Joseph Pensak, Redeemer Presbyterian, Burlington, VT., 2008

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: 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: Barry Reece, Margret-Ann and Nick Natsis (9:00); Hanah Vissepo, Rich Lane, Tess FisherDubois (11:15)

Ushers: Margret-Ann Natsis (9:00); Andrew Dykstra, Matt Ver Steeg (11:15)

Musicians: Paul David Young, keys, vocals; Kevin Jones, guitar, vocals; Iva Riggs, vocals; Mike Middleton, bass; Jeff Wakolbinger, sound tech.

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.



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/>.

June Common Ground: For the month of June, Covenant will have two Common Ground classes in the Education Building for children and adults. You can read below about our family-oriented class on *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* which will meet in the Fellowship Hall, and we'll also offer three one-week classes in the Library. Coffee and snacks will be available in the courtyard, weather permitting. A nursery for children 0-4 will be available but the combined classes in the Education Building will replace our normal children and youth Sunday School classes.

Into the Wardrobe. In each week of this family friendly class, we'll read an excerpt from *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, and discuss the ways that C.S. Lewis tucks the gospel story into his fanciful book full of good, evil and a never-ending winter. Kids and adults are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for this discussion-based class starting on June 4 at 10:15.

Visiting Missionaries: Carrieann and Nathaniel Shaver. Join us in the Library at 10:15 on June 4 to hear from Covenant's missionaries Nate and Carrie Shaver who work with Wycliffe in West Asia.

Prayer Walk. Join us for a prayer walk on June 11 during Common Ground. We'll gather in the Library to learn about the practice of prayer walks, led by Rachel Allmen, before heading out to pray for our neighborhood.

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, Jennie von Drehle will teach on the Prodigal Son.

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.

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.

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).

June 26 Cookout: Join us for an all-church cookout on June 26. That day, we'll have one service at 10:15 followed by a cookout in the grassy lot. We need many volunteers to make the day a success. If you'd be willing to help set up tables in the grassy lot, help with food prep, or to help clean up after the cookout, please contact Pastor Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

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).

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).

Giving QR Code





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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.

circle one:

New to Covenant | Regular Attender | Member

Name:

Email:

Address:

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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