

the
Wilderness
will be glad



Through the Gate

Begin the song exactly where you are,
For where you are contains where you have been
And holds the vision of your final sphere.

And do not fear the memory of sin;
There is a light that heals, and, where it falls,
Transfigures and redeems the darkest stain

Into translucent colour. Loose the veils
And draw the curtains back, unbar the doors,
Of that dread threshold where your spirit fails,

The hopeless gate that holds in all the fears
That haunt your shadowed city, fling it wide
And open to the light that finds, and fares

Through the dark pathways where you run and hide,
Through all the alleys of your riddled heart,
As pierced and open as his wounded side.

Open the map to Him and make a start,
And down the dizzy spirals, through the dark,
His light will go before you. Let him chart

And name and heal. Expose the hidden ache
To him, the stinging fires and smoke that blind
Your judgement, carry you away, the mirk

And muted gloom in which you cannot find
The love that you once thought worth dying for.
Call him to all you cannot call to mind.

He comes to harrow Hell and now to your
Well-guarded fortress let his love descend.
The icy ego at your frozen core

Can hear his call at last. Will you respond?

~ Malcolm Guite

4th Sunday of Lent
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 Aaron Baker

Prepare for worship

GOD
GATHERS
US TO
WORSHIP

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes your glo - ries known,

that spread the flo-wing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from your throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how your won-ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor-rows life from you is e - ver in your care,

the moon shines full at his com - mand and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
and e - very-where that I may be, you, God, are pre-sent there.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 107

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: He made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.

**All: He turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.**

Leader: Let us extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders,

**All: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!**



Wor - thy is the_ Lamb who was slain; Ho - ly, ho - ly is He;_
Fall be - fore the_ throne of glo - ry;_ gaze upon the crys - tal sea._
Clothed in po - wer, might and splen - dour, th'Bride - groom calls us to the feast,



Sing a new song to him who sits on_ Heav - en's mer - cy seat._
Join the my - riad saints and an - gels sing through all eter - ni - ty
of ho - ly man - na_ and li - ving wa - ter_ our'con - suma - tion now com - plete.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the_ Lord God_ Al - might - y



Who was_ and is_ and is_ to come;_ With all cre - a - tion I sing



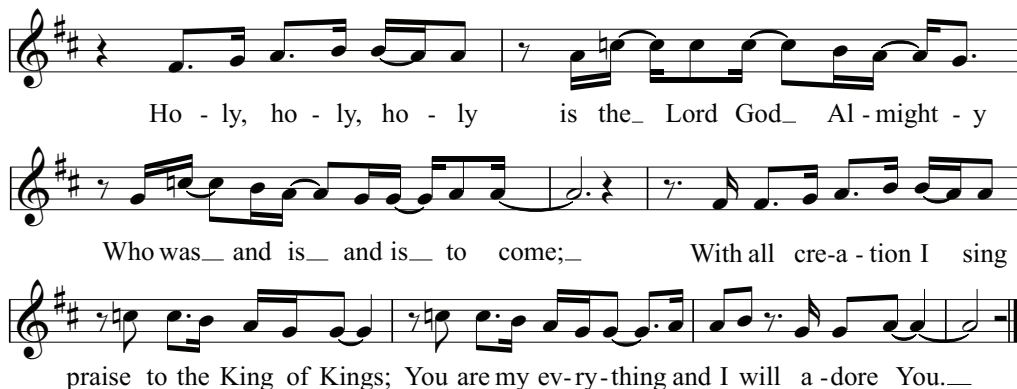
praise to the King of Kings; You are my ev - ry - thing and I will a - dore You._

Revelation Song, Words and Music: Jennie Lee Riddle, 2004. verse 2-3 by vdBijl, 2010

PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

silent moment of adoration

O God, we praise and adore you for your steadfast love endures forever. In this season of Lent open our hearts in welcome, that your Son, Jesus Christ, who made the storm be still and who bore the temptation in the desert, may find in us a dwelling prepared for him.



The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff starts with a quarter rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The third staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the_ Lord God_ Al - might - y
Who was_ and is_ and is_ to come;_ With all cre-a - tion I sing
praise to the King of Kings; You are my ev-ry-thing and I will a -dore You._

Leader: Lord God Almighty, you have turned our deserts into pools of water, and with all of creation we sing your praise.

All: Come Holy Spirit and visit us with your presence today. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

from Colossians 3:12-14

Leader: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven us, so we also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**All: Father, forgive us our angry and proud hearts.
We carry only our own burdens,
neither bearing up other's burdens nor allowing others to bear ours.
Forgive us our selfishness and impatience
and draw us towards the love that binds everything in perfect harmony.**

GOD
FORGIVES
AND
CLEANSES
US

God loves us despite the fact that we're broken. God's love does not leave us in our brokenness. God's love renews, restores, and

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "To Thee I come a sin-ner poor And wait for mer-cy at Thy door... To Thee I come a sin-ner foul Yet grant me Lord your fa-vor now... In-deed, I've no-where else to flee, Oh Mer-cy through blood I make my plea Oh God be mer-ci-ful to me. To Thee I come a sin-ner God be mer-ci-ful to me. To Thee I come a sin-ner weak and scarce know how to pray or speak, From fear and great and well Thou know-est all my state, Yet full for-weak-ness set me free, Oh God be mer-ci-ful to me! give-ness is with Thee, Oh God be mer-ci-ful to me!"

To Thee I Come, Words: Samuel Medley, 1700s, addl. txt vdB, 2014, Music Clint Wells, 2006

silent moment to pray and confess

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Colossians 3:1-4

Leader: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

All: For we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then we also will appear with him in glory.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "To Thee I come a sin-ner saved For I have on - ly You to thank. — And where You are I long to be, Oh God be mer - ci - ful_ to me. When You re - turn Oh, Lord at last and there when all my sins are passed, With all the saints I'll then a - gree, Oh God was mer - ci - ful_ to me!"

To Thee I come a sin-ner saved For I have on - ly You to thank.
— And where You are I long to be, Oh
God be mer - ci - ful_ to me. When You re - turn Oh, Lord at
last and there when all my sins are passed, With all the
saints I'll then a - gree, Oh God was mer - ci - ful_ to me!

LESSONS FROM THE WORD

read by Chris & Dave Jarvis ①, Laurie Baker ②

Gospel Lesson - Matthew 11:28-30, p.816

New Testament Lesson - Romans 11:2-6, p.946

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOD
SPEAKS
TO US

Thou love - ly source of true___ de- light whom I un seen a- dore
Thy glo - ry o'er_ cre - a - tion shines but in Thy sa - cred Word
Je - sus, my Lord, my life,___ my light, oh come with bliss-ful ray___
___ Un - veil Thy beau - ties to___ my sight___ that
___ I read, in fair - er, bright - er lines___ my
___ Break_ ra - diant through the shades___ of night___ and
I might love_ Thee more,___ Oh that I might love_ Thee more.
bleed- ing, dy - ing Lord,___ See my bleed- ing dy - ing Lord.
chase my fears a - way,___ Won't you chase my fears a - way.

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight, Words: Anne Steele, 1760; Music, Kevin Twit, 1998

What are you doing here, Elijah? 1 Kings 19:1–18, p.290

¹ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³ Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” ⁵ And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” ⁶ And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” ⁸ And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

⁹ There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹¹ And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³ And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷ And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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

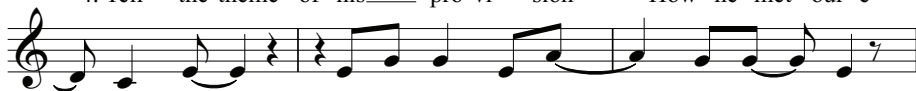
Greet each other in the name of Christ.

COME WITH GENEROSITY

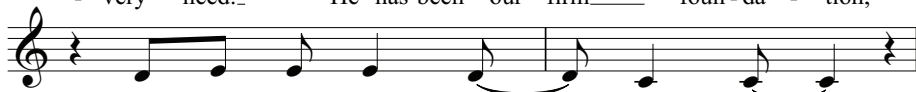
We come to the Table with a generous heart and give back to God a portion of what he's already given us. Offer your resources back to God in support of the work of the church by placing your offering in the boxes on the back wall. You can also give online at covenantchicago.org/give, use the QR code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



1. Oh how good to be___ to - ge - ther In this wea - ry world
2. On this day the Lord___ has fa - shioned Come re-joyce with all___
3. When it looked like e - vil con- quered When we felt the dark-
4. Tell the theme of his___ pro- vi - sion How he met our e -



___ we trod. ___ What a gift, and what___ a trea - sure,
___ your might. Raise a ban - ner of___ sal - va - tion,
- est hour. ___ In des- pair we sought___ the Fa - ther,
- very need. ___ He has been our firm___ foun - da - tion,



Kin - dred in the house___ of God___
He has led us through___ the night. ___
He has proved his migh - ty pow'r. ___
He will e - ver, al - ways be. ___



Oh the joy, ___ oh the sweet - ness To be ga-



- thered in the name of the Lord___ E-ver-more, ___ he will keep



___ us. From the val - ley to the gol - den shore. ___

COME WITH THANKSGIVING

Adapted from United Methodist Church Book of Worship, 1992

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: It is truly right to give you thanks and praise.

Leader: We remember during our journey through Lent that from the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away from you our love failed, but your love remained steadfast.

All: For forty days and forty nights rain fell upon the earth,

Leader: and you saved Noah and his family on the ark and made covenant with every living creature on earth.

All: For forty days and forty nights you spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai,

Leader: and gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people.

All: For forty days and forty nights your prophet Elijah fled in fear to Mount Horeb,

Leader: for we killed your prophets and forsook your covenant but still you remained faithful to us.

All: For forty days and forty nights your Son Jesus Christ fasted and was tempted in the wilderness,

Leader: and by his suffering, death and resurrection you delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us the new covenant by water and the Spirit.

All: For forty days and forty nights we remember Christ's sacrifice.

Leader: Lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, and with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, may we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Chorus

Oh the joy, — oh the sweet - ness To be ga -
- thered in the name of the Lord. — E-ver-more, — he will keep
— us. From the val - ley to the gol - den shore. —

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.

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.

Song for Communion

You are welcome to join in song:

The image shows a musical score for a four-part setting of the hymn 'Alas and Did My Savior Bleed'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - reign
2. Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned up - on the
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut his glo - ries
4. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I

die? Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
tree? A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
in, when God, the might - y Ma - ker, died for man the crea - ture's sin.
owe; Here, Lord, I give my - self a - way; 'Tis all that I can do.

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed, Words: Isaac Watts, 1707. Music: Hugh Wilson, 1800.

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. Thanks to the Lamb, the lov - ing Lamb, who died on Cal-vary's

tree. The Lamb was slain, yet lives a - gain, to in - ter - cede for me.

Announcements, events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks

GOD
SENDS
US

WITH JOY

from Psalm 91

Leader: Journey with us, O holy God, on our way to the Cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center on you and your sacrifice. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and spiritual emptiness of the wilderness and prepare our hearts for the sorrow of your crucifixion and the joy of your resurrection. May we rest in the shadow of your might and sing with the Psalmist:

**All: You are my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.**

1. He who dwells in the shel-ter of the_ Most High God will a-bide, will a-
2. I will say to the Lord, my strength, my sal - va - tion, I'll a-bide, I'll a-

Chorus

bide, will a - bide, in the sha-dow of His might.____
bide, I'll a - bide, in the sha-dow of Your might.____ For his an - gels. will

guard you_ and His strength will en - fold you.____ With their hands they will lift you

(to verse 1) **Bridge**

up, with their hands they will lift you up. You are my

1. re - fuge, my for - tress, my God in_ whom I trust, my I trust._
2. re - fuge, my for - tress, my God in_ whom I trust, my I trust._

Psalm 91, Music: Paul van der Bijl, Lent 2014

WITH BLESSING

Pastor Dan Adamson

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 and classrooms
- Nursery: Ages 0-4 (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: PreK-8th Grade (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: High School (Youth Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: God Among Us (Conference Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: From Sunday to Monday (Library, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Ezra-Nehemiah (All Saints Room, Lower Level)

Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Larry and Maribeth Shover ^(9:00); James Leach, Larissa Bossemeyer, Lynda Adamson ^(11:15)

Ushers: Jonathan Clarke, Matt Ver Steeg ^(9:00); Nathaniel Salsedo ^(11:15)

Welcome Table: Jon Skinner ^(9:00); Phil Koerner ^(11:15)

Musicians: Paul David Young, electric guitar, vocals; Paul van der Bijl, guitar vocals; Brian Riggs, bass, classical guitar; Cassidy Miller, vocals; Drew Goodwin, viola; Adriane Fink, piano; Joel Miller, 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 Sunday to Monday: How do theology and worship shape our calling and work? Together we will explore the theme of work through scripture, liturgy, and our experiences. We will have a candid discussion on when our experiences may fall short of our ideals and the tensions of aligning our calling to our paid labor, our relationships and communities, the need for financial security, and our relationships with colleagues at work. This five-week class meets in the Library and is taught by Andy Bilhorn.

God Among Us: The incarnation teaches us that God, in the person of Jesus, became human and lived among his people. How does this deep theological truth inform the way we live as Christians? Join us for this five-week class during Lent as we think about the richness of the incarnation and the way it shapes our faith. Taught by Larissa Bossemeyer, Daniel Longyne and Steve Lehmann, each week will focus on a different area where we encounter the incarnation such as in the church calendar, in community and in the sacraments. Class will meet in the Conference Room.

Ezra-Nehemiah: Join us for this 4 week class designed to dive into the historical and theological dimensions of Ezra-Nehemiah. This class will serve to provide a comprehensive overview and focus on the three key themes of the book: the rebuilding of the house of God, the significance of ordinary people and the profound impact of the written word. Young Bok Kim (PhD in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago) will teach this class in the All Saints Room.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Spring Social: Join us tonight from 5:00 to 7:30 pm for an all-church event at Covenant. We'll have a dinner together featuring a chili cook-off and a night of bingo and Name That Tune with prizes in the Education Building.



Quartet for the End of Time: Join us on Palm Sunday, March 24 at 7pm for a performance of the 20th century masterpiece by Olivier Messiaen, *The Quartet for the End of Time*. It was written and performed the first time in a German prison camp on January 15, 1941. According to Messiaen, the piece was a musical extension of Revelation 10 where the 7th angel declared that “time would be no longer.” Its stark beauty and deep spiritual themes are full of hope and joy, and it is a beautiful way to enter Holy Week.

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 women from Covenant in the All Saints Room at Covenant from 9 to 11 am each Wednesday for a small group. You're welcome to join whether you're able to come weekly or occasionally. Childcare is available. Contact Devon Spencer (devonspencer1112@gmail.com) with questions about this group.

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/) for upcoming dates. Questions? Contact Ian Cull (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 with questions.

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).

Common Ground Volunteers: Covenant is looking for additional volunteers to help with coffee and snacks for Common Ground. Volunteers help with either setup (during the 9:00 am service) or clean up (during the 11:15 service), as well as helping during Common Ground to replenish coffee as needed. Most volunteers serve once a month. If you'd be interested, please contact Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org).

Host a Student for Easter: In partnership with Bridges International, an international student ministry at IIT, Covenant is inviting individuals and families to host students for a meal over Easter weekend. You could invite them to attend our Good Friday service or join you on Easter. If you would be interested in inviting two or more students for this holiday weekend, you can learn more and sign up online at <https://friends-for-dinner.com/hosts/>. Please register by Sunday, March 17.

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/>.





Gospel Justice Center Volunteers: Covenant hosts a legal aid clinic the second Saturday morning of every month, and we are growing! We are looking for folks to add to our current roster of volunteers. No legal experience or background is necessary and training is provided for all roles. We're in particular need of people to help with clients directly as intake specialists and as client advocates or people who can help with marketing by creating a brochure or managing a social media account. Please contact Linda Gehrs (lmgehrs@gmail.com) with questions or for more information. The commitment at most is one Saturday morning a month, but most volunteers serve one Saturday every two months.

NEWS AND UPDATES

Easter Flowers: If you'd like to donate a flower for Easter Sunday in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org) to make arrangements. Consider a donation of \$20 for each flower. You can pick up the flowers after the 11:15am service on Easter Sunday in the front of the sanctuary.

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) or Kylene (kyleneyoung@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.

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). 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.

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.

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).

Sermon Text Next Week: Matthew 4:1-11

Giving QR code



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

WELCOME TO COVENANT

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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.



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