



the
Weight of Glory

March 13, 2022 | 2nd Sunday of Lent

The Valley of Vision

*Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly,
Thou hast brought me to the valley of vision,
where I live in the depths but see Thee in the heights;
hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold Thy glory.
Let me learn by paradox that the way down is the way up,
that to be low is to be high,
that the broken heart is the healed heart,
that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,
that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,
that to have nothing is to possess all,
that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,
that to give is to receive,
that the valley is the place of vision.
Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from deepest wells,
and the deeper the wells the brighter Thy stars shine;
let me find Thy light in my darkness,
Thy life in my death,
Thy joy in my sorrow,
Thy grace in my sin,
Thy riches in my poverty,
Thy glory in my valley.*

~ a Puritan prayer adapted by Arthur Bennett



Children's programming is available 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

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.

Lenten Call to Worship

adapted from Isaiah 35:1–4, 10

Leader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

**All: We shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.**

Leader: He will strengthen our weak hands,
and make firm our feeble knees.
He will say to us who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God

**All: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon our heads;
we shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**



1. Praise to the Lord the al - might - y the King of cre - a - tion.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth.
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee;
4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a - dore Him.



O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion.
Shel-ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth.
Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee;
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore Him.



all ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw
Hast thou not seen how thy de - si - res have
Pon - der a - new what the Al - migh - ty can
Let the A - men sound from his peo - ple a -



near. Join me in glad a - do - ra - tion.
been. Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
do if with His love He be - friend thee.
gain. Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him!

Praise to the Lord, Words: Joachim Neander, 1680. Music: Erneuertem Gesangbuch, 1665. arr. by Nathan Drake, Christ's Church, St. Louis.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: O God, our Father, almighty King of creation, we lift our hands in adoration and bless you. In this season of Lent walk with us in our own wilderness as you did with your Son Jesus Christ, and may our desert rejoice and blossom like the crocus.

moment of silent adoration

All: Come Holy Spirit, strengthen our weak hands, feeble knees and anxious hearts, and visit us with your presence today. Amen.



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the prayer, with lyrics: "All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw". The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics: "near. Join me in glad a - do - ra - tion." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Confession of Sin

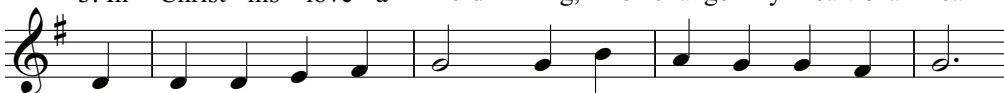
Leader: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age. *Titus 2:11-12*

Silent time to pray and confess

All: Sing to Confess



1. God is my strong sal - va - tion; What foe have I to fear.
2. Place on our Christ re - li - ance; My soul, with cour - age wait;
3. In Christ his love a - bid - ing, no change my heart shall fear



In dark - ness and temp - ta - tion, My light, my help is near.
His Spi - rit my as - sur - ance, When faint and des - o - late.
and safe is such con - fid - ing, For noth - ing chang - es here.



Tho' hosts en - camp a - round_ me, Firm in the fight I stand;
The cross of Christ will strength - en, His love my joy in - crease;
The storm may roar a - round me, my heart may low be laid;



What ter - ror can con - found_ me, with God at my right hand?
Mer - cy my days will leng - then, for He will give me peace.
but Christ is right be - side me and he will give me aid.

God is My Strong Salvation, Words: James Montgomery, 1822, Music, Melchior Teschner, 1584, arr., addl. words by vdbijl, 2018

Renunciation

Leader: Do you renounce your sinful thoughts, words, and deeds that offend God, harm others, and ruin creation?

All: We renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce the ways and idols of this fallen world that oppose God's Kingdom and glory?

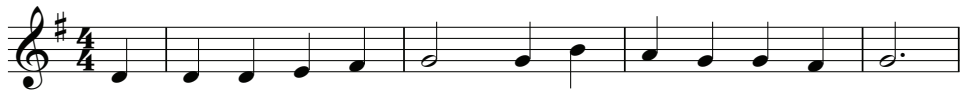
All: We renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce Satan and all spiritual forces of darkness that rebel against the one true God?

All: We renounce them.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.
Titus 2:13-14



4. To God, the ev - er glor - ious The Fa - ther and the Son,



And Spi - rit All vic - tor - ious, the ho - ly Three in One.



God is my strong sal - va - tion, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore,



Praise, glo - ry, a - do - ra - tion, be now and e - ver - more.



All glo - ry, laud and ho - nor to you, re - deem - er, king.

Lessons from the Word

read by Chris Jarvis ①, Jackson Powell ②

Old Testament Lesson -
Gospel Lesson -

Lamentations 3:40-42
Matthew 6:1-4

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



Al - migh-ty God, we long to see You. O - pen our hearts and



make them pure. Spi - rit we wash our hands in mer - cy;



come teach our souls to love your truth.

Psalm 24, Word and Music, Wendell Kimbrough, Anglican Church of the Apostles, Fairhope, AL., 2015

Prayers of the People

Led by Linda Gehrs

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.



Passing the Peace and Preparing the Gifts

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 grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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.

Lenten Great Thanksgiving

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

With clear hearts and minds,
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

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All ye who hear, now to his temple draw
near. Join me in glad a - do - ra - tion.

Distribute the Bread & Cup

Please note that we serve both red wine and white grape juice.
There is individually wrapped gluten free bread available.

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

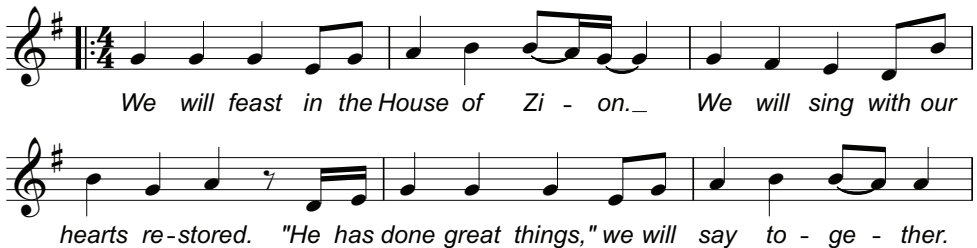
Prayer for those taking communion

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.

Music for Communion

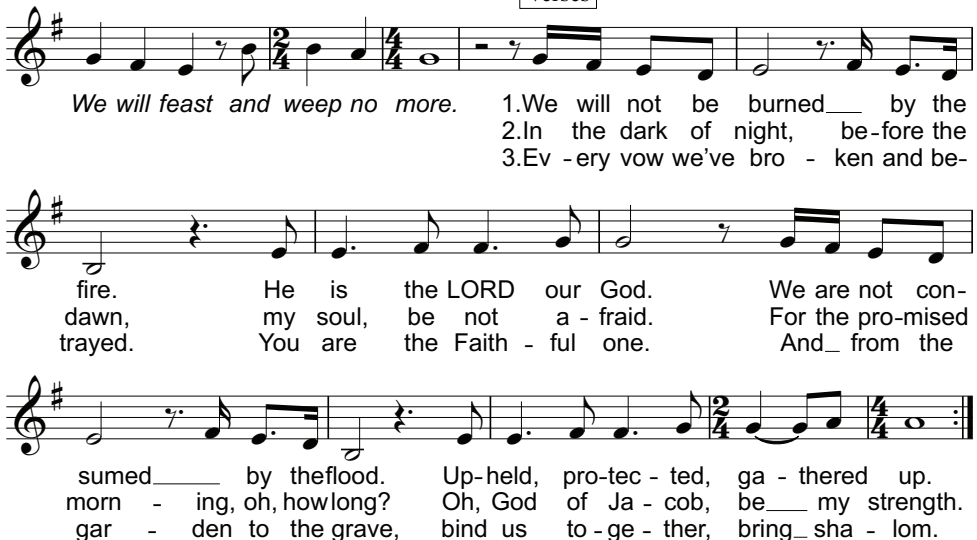
You are welcome to join in song:

Chorus



We will feast in the House of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re-stored. "He has done great things," we will say to - ge - ther.

Verses



We will feast and weep no more. 1. We will not be burned by the
2. In the dark of night, be-fore the
3. Ev - ery vow we've bro - ken and be-

fire. He is the LORD our God. We are not con-
dawn, my soul, be not a - fraid. For the pro-mised
trayed. You are the Faith - ful one. And from the

sumed by the flood. Up-held, pro-tec - ted, ga - thered up.
morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh, God of Ja - cob, be my strength.
gar - den to the grave, bind us to - ge - ther, bring sha - lom.

We Will Feast in The House of Zion, by Sandra McCracken, 2015, Westside Anglican Fellowship, Nashville, TN.

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 musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics: "We will feast in the house of Zi - on_ We will sing with our". The second staff continues with: "hearts re - stored He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther_". The third staff concludes with: "We will feast and weep no more". The music features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final whole note.

In Community

Announcements about Covenant events and opportunities during the coming weeks.

Go 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-



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



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



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

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

Benediction

Leader: *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

- Coffee and snacks **available in classrooms** and the Fellowship Hall
- Nursery: Ages 0-4 (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: PreK-Middle School (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: High School (Youth Room, Ed. Building)
- Connecting to God in Prayer (Library, Ed. Building)
- Sundry Times and Diverse Manners: Reading the Old Testament (All Saints Room, Lower Level)

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.

Newcomers Lunch: Covenant is hosting a welcome Lunch today (March 13) at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall for those who are new to Covenant's community. This lunch is a great chance to meet others at Covenant and hear from the staff about ways to get more connected to the life of the church.

Updated Mask Requirements. In line with the state's updated guidelines, masks will be optional at Covenant for worship services, Common Ground, and children's and youth ministries. Volunteers in the Nursery (ages 0-4) will continue to wear masks for the time being.



Ukraine Relief Fund. Mission to the World, the mission arm of our denomination, has set up a relief fund to help provide food, transportation, shelter, and medical aid for Ukrainians in hostile areas and for refugees moving toward the western border. You can read more about this effort and donate at <https://www.mtw.org/ukraine-crisis>.

Lenten Devotional Guide. You can download a Lenten devotional guide appropriate for individual, family or group use on our website (<https://covenantchicago.org/lent/>). We'll also have a limited number of physical copies available on the Welcome Table.

Congregational Meeting: We'll have a congregational meeting in the gym on March 20 during Common Ground (10:15-11:10am). Nursery and kids classes will be offered as usual, but adult classes won't be held that week. Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall. We'll discuss the upcoming budget (our financial year runs from April to March), children's ministries, and plans for our upcoming 40th Anniversary celebration.

Approaching the Cross: Sermon Discussions on Luke 19. Listening to a sermon can feel passive even though the preached Word is living and active. Covenant is offering a new three-week adult class starting on March 27 designed to facilitate discussion of each week's sermon and sermon text. As we approach Holy Week during the final three Sundays of Lent, please join us in the Library of the Education Building during Common Ground hour from 10:15–11:05 for an interactive discussion about the sermon text and the impact it has on our individual and corporate lives.

Sundry Times and Divers Manners: Reading the Old Testament. The Old Testament can be hard to read. We can find ourselves lost among the names, customs, geographies and histories that are altogether unfamiliar to us. Yet, these texts were Scripture to the earliest Christians, and remain so to this day. How do we relate to these stories of Israel and Judah and the many genres of the Old Testament? Join us for a 9-week class in the All Saints Room during Common Ground at 10:15am as we reflect together on what it means to read these books as God's Word.

Connecting to God in Prayer: Why do we pray? What keeps us from praying? How do we pray when life is falling apart around us and how do we continue in prayer when what we long for most remains unanswered? Join us for a practical and honest six-week series on how we are invited to connect with God in prayer – in all seasons of life. Each class will have a time of teaching and small group discussion. Join us in the Library during Common Ground at 10:15am.



Blood Drive: Join Covenant as we support our local community through a blood drive. On Sunday, April 3 from 10 am to 2 pm, Versiti Blood Center will bring their bus to take blood donations in front of Covenant. If you'd like to donate, please sign up.

Welcome Table Volunteers Needed: Covenant is looking for a few volunteers to serve at our Welcome Table on Sunday mornings at both services (9:00 and 11:15am). Volunteers will greet people as they leave the service and offer any helpful information regarding adult classes, youth Sunday school, and where to place tear off cards from the bulletin. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Mark Lester at office@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).

Ushers Needed: Covenant is looking for additional volunteers to serve as ushers on Sunday morning. Ushers greet people as they arrive at church and help clean up the sanctuary after the service. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Jonathan Ellison (jellisonimages@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.

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 David (dsalsedo@covenantchicago.org).

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Session

Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David
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*Please direct correspondence for the Session to
session@covenantchicago.org.*

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Joel Miller, Shane Rector, Deb Van Der Molen,
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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.

circle one:

New to Covenant | Regular Attender | Member

Name:

Email:

Address:

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↑ *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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