



the last days

April 2, 2023 | Palm Sunday

*Do you see how the devil is defeated by the very weapons of his prior victory? The devil had vanquished Adam by means of a tree. Christ vanquished the evil by means of the tree of the Cross. The tree sent Adam to hell. The tree of the Cross brought him back from there. The tree revealed Adam in his weakness, laying prostrate, naked and low. The tree of the Cross manifested to all the world the victorious Christ, naked and nailed on high.*

*Adam's death sentence passed on to all who came after him.*

*Christ's death gave life to all his children.*

*~ John Chrysostom, 2nd century*

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

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.

All:

All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re - deem - er, King,  
The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high;  
To you be - fore your pas - sion we sing this hymn of praise;

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.  
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

You are the King of Is - ra - el and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
The peo - ple of all na - tions with palms be - fore you wave;  
As you re - ceive our prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

now in the Lord's name com - ing, the King and Bless - ed One.  
and with our songs and an - thems our prayers and praise we raise.  
for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King!

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

All Glory, Words, St. Theodulf, Bishop of Orléans (c. 820), Music, Melchior Teschner, 1584

## Palm Sunday Call To Worship

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*from Zechariah 9:9 and Psalm 24*

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
**All: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
**All: humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.  
**All: Who is the King of glory?**

Leader: The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle.  
**All: The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.**

## Procession of the Palms

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*refrain*



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

The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a repeat sign. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with rests, corresponding to the lyrics below. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*Children process with palms*



1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2. From O - li - vet they fol - lowed a - mong the joy - ful crowd;  
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing;



Thro' pil - lared court and tem - ple, the love - ly an - them rang.  
The vict' - ry palm branch wa - ving, with prai - ses clear and loud.  
For Christ is our Re - dee - mer, the Lord of heav'n, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of earth and hea - ven rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we e - ver praise Him with heart and life and voice,



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His blis - sful pre - sence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, Words: Jennette Threffall, 1873; Music: Wirtemberg, 1784*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

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Leader: O Mighty King, you are triumphant and victorious and you are our redeemer.  
We praise you and adore you for your great work.

By the power of your Spirit, speak to us as we enter this holy week.

**All: Open our eyes and hearts to your presence today. Amen.**

*moment of silent meditation*

Choral: *Covenant Choir, Hosanna to the Son of David by Iva Riggs, 2023*

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

## Prayer of Lament *from Psalm 13*

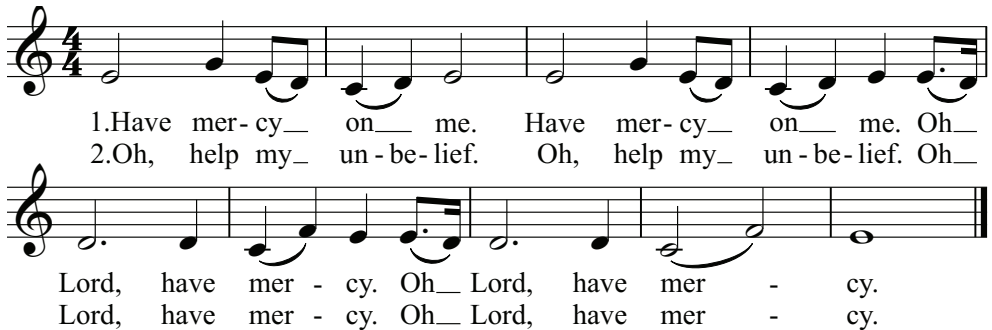
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Leader: O Lord, we plead with you:

**All: Hear our lament and prayer -**

Leader: How long, O LORD? Will you forget us forever? How long will you hide your face from your suffering children? How long must we wrestle with our thoughts and every day have sorrow in our heart?

**All: Have mercy on us and those who suffer, O God.**




1. Have mer-cy\_\_ on\_\_ me. Have mer-cy\_\_ on\_\_ me. Oh\_\_  
2. Oh, help my\_\_ un-be-lief. Oh, help my\_\_ un-be-lief. Oh\_\_

Lord, have mer - cy. Oh\_\_ Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Oh\_\_ Lord, have mer - cy.

*Have Mercy, Words and Music, Sandra McCracken, Covenant Pres. Church, Nashville, TN, 2015*

Leader: See our tears and hear our cries. Lead us all through this valley of death's shadow and renew in us the hope, peace and joy of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Have mercy on us and those who suffer, O God. Amen.**



1. Have mer-cy\_\_ on\_\_ me. Have mer-cy\_\_ on\_\_ me. Oh\_\_

Lord, have mer - cy. Oh\_\_ Lord, have mer - cy.

*moment of silent prayer*

## Confession of Sin *Psalm 51:1*

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Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

**Silent time to pray and confess**

## Assurance of Pardon *Psalm 13:5-6*

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**All: I have trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered lines, with the first line starting with '1. Now shall my inward joys arise...' and the second line starting with '2. God on His thir - sty Zi - ion hill...'. The music concludes with a double bar line.

1. Now shall my in - ward joys a - rise, and burst in - to a song: Al -  
2. God on His thir - sty Zi - ion hill, some mer - cy drops has thr'wn, And  
3. Why do we then in - dul - ge our fears, sus - pi - cions and com - plaints? Is  
4. Deep on the palms of both his hands, He has en - graved our names; His  
migh - ty love in - spires my heart, and plea - sure tunes my tongue.  
so - lemn oaths have bound His love to show - er sal - va - tion down.  
He a God and shall His grace grow wea - ry of His saints?  
hands shall raise our ru - ined walls, and build our bro - ken frame.

*Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise, Words: Isaac Watts, 1709, Music: William Billings, 1770, Sacred Harp*

## Lessons from the Word

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read by Isak Siemens ①

Old Testament Lesson -  
New Testament Lesson -

Zechariah 9:9-10, p.797  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, p.961

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

All sing:



O splen dor of the fa-ther's light, that makes our day light lu-cid bri-ght  
True Sun, break out on earth and shine, in ra-diance with your light di-vine\_



O light of light and sun of day, now shine on us your bright-est ray.  
By daz-zling of your Spi-rit's might, o give our ja-ded sens-es light.

*O Splendor of the Father's Light, Words: St. Ambrose (340-397). Music: mode 1, Antiphoner, 1400's*



## The Word

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Pastor Dan Adamson

Who is This?, Matthew 21:1–11, p.826

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

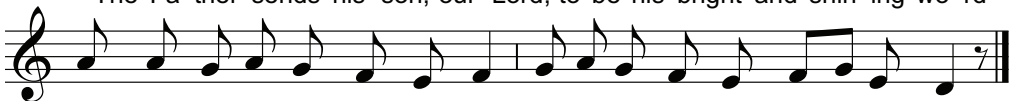
<sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion,  
'Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>10</sup> And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Notes:



The Fa-ther sends his son, our Lord, to be his bright and shin-ing wo-rd



Come, Lord, ride out your gleam-ing course and be our dawn our light's\_ true source.

## Sacrament of Communion

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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

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*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](http://covenantchicago.org/give), use the QR code on page 16, or text a donation amount to 84321.*



1. I\_\_\_ hear the Sa - vior say, "Thy stength in - deed is small,  
2. Lord,\_\_\_ now in - deed I find Thy pow'r and Thine a - lone,  
3. For\_\_\_ noth - ing good have I Where - by Thy grace to claim;  
4. And\_\_\_ now com-plete in Him My robe His right - e ness,



Child of weak-ness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."  
Can\_\_\_ change the le - per's spots And\_ melt the heart of stone.  
I'll\_\_\_ wash my gar-ments white In the blood of Cal-v'ry's Lamb.  
Close\_ shel-tered 'neath His side, I\_\_\_ am di - vine - ly blest.

### *Refrain*



Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;



Sin had left a crim-son stain, He washed it white as snow.

*Jesus Paid it All, Words: Elvina M. Hall, 1865; Music: John T. Grape 1868*

## **Palm Sunday Great Thanksgiving,** *from the Book of Common Worship*

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: We give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.**

Leader: Who was sent by you, in your great goodness, to be our Saviour;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh  
and, as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin Mary,  
was seen on earth  
and went about among us.

**All: And now on this most holy of weeks,  
we give you thanks because for our sins  
He opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
by dying he destroyed death,  
and by rising he restored to us everlasting life,  
so fulfilling your will and winning for you a holy people.**

Leader: Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the saints past and present,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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*

Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crim-son stain, He washed it white as snow.

## Distribute the Bread & Cup

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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.

### Music for Communion

Choral: *Covenant Choir, Hosanna to the Son of David by Iva Riggs, 2023*

*Hosanna to the Son of David.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

## 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.*

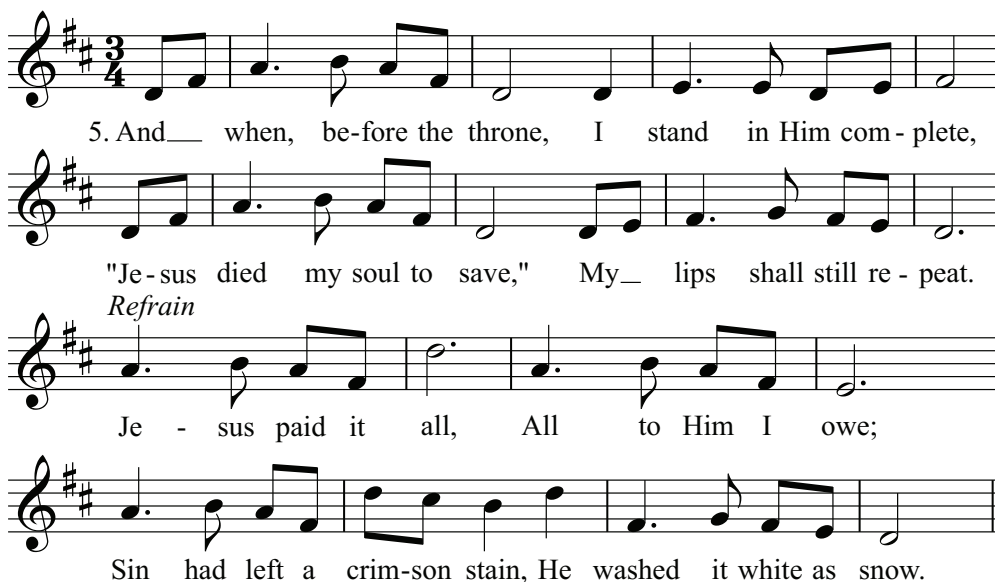
### *Prayer for those struggling with sin*

*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.*

## 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. And when, be-fore the throne, I stand in Him com - plete,  
"Je - sus died my soul to save," My lips shall still re - peat.  
*Refrain*  
Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crim-son stain, He washed it white as snow.

## 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

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Change the Color:

Red reflects the Passion of Christ in the shedding of his blood and sacrifice for sin.



1. Ride\_\_ on! Ride on in maj-es - ty! Hark, all the tribes Ho-
2. Ride\_\_ on! Ride on in maj -es -ty! In\_\_ low - ly pomp ride
3. Ride\_\_ on! Ride on in maj-es - ty! The wing - ed ar - mies
4. Ride\_\_ on! Ride on in maj-es - ty! Thy last and fierc - est
5. Ride\_\_ on! Ride on in maj-es - ty! In\_\_ low - ly pomp ride



san - na cry!\_\_\_ O Sav - ior meek, pur - sue Thy road\_\_\_  
on to die;\_\_\_ O Christ, Thy tri - umphs now be - gin\_\_\_  
of the sky\_\_\_ look down with sad and won - dring eyes\_\_\_  
strife is nigh;\_\_\_ The Fa - ther on His sap - phire throne\_\_\_  
on to die,\_\_\_ bow Thy meek head to mor - tal pain\_\_\_



\_\_\_ with\_\_ palms\_\_ and\_\_ scat - tered gar - ments strewed.  
\_\_\_ o'er\_\_ cap - tive\_\_ death and con - quered sin.  
\_\_\_ to\_\_ see\_\_ the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
\_\_\_ a - waits\_\_ His\_\_ own a - noint - ed Son.  
\_\_\_ then\_\_ take, O\_\_ Christ, Thy power and reign.

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty, Words: Henry Hart Milman, 1820; Music, J. Fred Wolle, 1888, arr., vdBijl, 2010

## Leader: **Benediction**

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*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

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## 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)
- Congregational Meeting (Gym, Ed Buidling)
- **Coffee and snacks available in the Fellowship Hall**

## Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Hyunseob Kim, Sara Ellison, Kevin Jones (9:00); Eric Strahl, Ian Troll, Lynda Adamson(11:15)

Ushers: Chuck Michalek (9:00); Laura and Mike Bagnoli (11:15)

Welcome Table: Bill Heine (9:00); Beth Brinley (11:15)

## 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.

### Holy Week Schedule:

**April 6, Maundy Thursday:** Joint service with our sister church, The Redemption Church, 7:30pm.

**April 7, Good Friday:** The sanctuary will be open for prayer and self-guided meditation from 11am - 3pm and a guided meditation on the Stations of the Cross at 12pm.

**April 7, Good Friday:** Tenebrae Service, 7pm.

**April 9, Easter Sunday:** Services at 9:00am and 11:15am. Join us for coffee and refreshments in the Education Building between services. Children's worship and nurseries will run as usual on Easter.

**Easter Flowers:** If you'd like to donate a flower for Easter Sunday in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact [office@covenantchicago.org](mailto:office@covenantchicago.org) to make arrangements. Please consider a donation of \$15 for each flower to the Easter Flower Fund. You can pick up the flowers after the 11:15 am service on Easter Sunday in the front of the sanctuary.



**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](mailto:breakthrough@covenantchicago.org) for more information.

**Congregational Meeting:** Join us in the gym today during Common Ground at 10:15 am. We'll talk about the 2023-24 budget, the Accessibility project that was started last year, and some other initiatives and partnerships that we've been able to build over the last year. Nurseries and children's Sunday School will be available.



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

**April 16 Blood Drive:** Join Covenant as we support our local community through a blood drive. On April 16, 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 for an appointment slot online: <https://covenantchicago.org/events/blooddrive/>.

**Feasts, Lost Sheep and a Tiny Mustard Seed:** The Parables of Jesus. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus used parables to teach about the nature of God, faith and the kingdom. How should we read the parables? What can we learn from these short, punchy, and sometimes surprising stories and images? How do they relate to the rest of Jesus' teaching? Join us for this 6-week class on the parables beginning on April 16 at 10:15 in the Library.

**Not the Way It's Supposed to Be:** Each week in service, we confess our sins together as a congregation. But what exactly is sin, and what has it done to us and to the world as God designed it to be? Join us for this 5-week class that will explore the doctrine of sin using Cornelius Plantinga's book *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be*. Class will meet in the Conference Room at 10:15 beginning April 16.

**The Church in the World.** Join us for this two-week class led by Covenant's Mission Committee to learn more about the way that Covenant supports the global church. On April 16, we'll talk about our vision for mission involvement, and talk about the missionaries we support. On April 23, we'll hear from Jamie and Jacki Gildard, missionaries we support in Toulouse, France, to learn more about their work. Join us during Common Ground at 10:15 in the All Saints Room.

**NEW MOMS** April Mercy Bin: For the month of April, Covenant is collecting donations to support New Moms, an organization working to change the future for young moms experiencing poverty and homelessness in Chicagoland by offering housing, job training, and family support. This year, we're collecting a variety of items such as board books, food pantry supplies and baby supplies such as bottles and pacifiers. You can find a full list at [covenantchicago.org/mercy-bin/](https://covenantchicago.org/mercy-bin/). Donations will be collected in the Mercy Bin in the back of the Narthex throughout the month. Questions? Contact Deb Van Der Molen ([dvmolen79@gmail.com](mailto:dvmolen79@gmail.com)).

**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](mailto:dadamson@covenantchicago.org)).

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

**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](https://covenantchicago.org/pickleball) for upcoming dates. Contact Ian Cull ([iancull74@gmail.com](mailto:iancull74@gmail.com)) with questions.

**Gospel Justice Center:** Please pray for Covenant's Gospel Justice Center, a legal-aid clinic created in partnership with Together Chicago and Administer Justice, and run entirely by Covenant volunteers. On the second Saturday of every month, we welcome our neighbors with legal questions from the Logan Square, Bucktown, Garfield Park and Humboldt Park neighborhoods. Please pray for us to care well for our guests, and pray for us to grow in our ability to become a more known presence in our neighborhood.





The wilderness and the dry land  
shall be glad  
the desert shall rejoice  
and blossom like the crocus

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## Session

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## Diaconate

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*If you're in need or wish to speak with a deacon, you can email us at [diaconate@covenantchicago.org](mailto: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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Name:

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

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