



Pentecost
Sunday
1st Sunday of
Pentecost
May 28
2023

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallow'd in, a score?
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For I have more.

I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, thou hast done;
I fear no more.

~ John Donne

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.

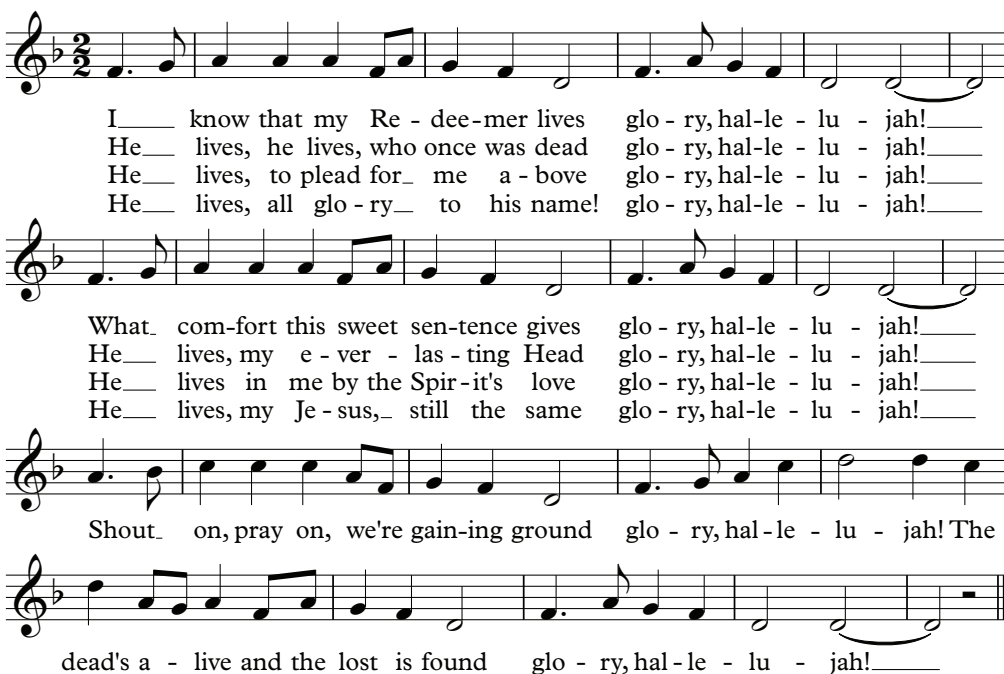
Welcome

Silent moment to prepare for worship

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.

Change the colors:

Red recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended at the first Pentecost.



The image displays the musical notation for the hymn "I Know that My Redeemer Lives". It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The lyrics are: "I know that my Re - dee-mer lives glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah! He lives, he lives, who once was dead glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah! He lives, to plead for me a - bove glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah! He lives, all glo - ry to his name! glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah! What com-fort this sweet sen-tence gives glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah! He lives, my e - ver - las - ting Head glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah! He lives in me by the Spir-it's love glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah! He lives, my Je - sus, still the same glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah! Shout on, pray on, we're gain-ing ground glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah! The dead's a - live and the lost is found glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!"

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I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Words: Samuel Medly, 1775, Music: American Folk melody

Pentecost Call To Worship

from Joel 2

Leader: Blow a trumpet in Zion;

All: Sound an alarm on my holy mountain!

Leader: Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,

All: The day of the LORD is coming; it is near.

Leader: For the Lord says, "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

And you shall know that I am in your midst,

And that I am the LORD your God and there is none else."

All: Let us rejoice in the LORD our God.

And praise Him for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Choral: Covenant Choir

Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

All:

Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit. Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit. Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, a - men. A - men.

Leader: Lord, our God and Father, we thank you and adore you for the presence and promise of your Holy Spirit among us as we gather.

silent moment of meditation and adoration

Leader: We come in the name of Christ,
eager to hear your Word.

All: Descend on us with your Spirit

as you did when the Church was born on the day of Pentecost.

All:



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, and make our hearts your
 2. O Com - for - ter, to you we cry, You are the gift of
 3. O Ho - ly Ghost, through you a - lone, we know the Fa - ther
 4. Praise to the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit,



place of rest; come with your grace and heav'n - ly aid,
 God most high; The fount of life, and fire of love,
 and the Son. This creed O Lord, may we con - fess;
 Three in One; and may the Son on us be - stow



and fill our hearts which you have made.
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Refrain



Be not a - fraid, where you go there I am with you. Be not a -



fraid, where you go, there I am with you.

Come, Holy Ghost, words: attr. to Rhabanus Maurus, ca. 800; music, Bruce Benedict, Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, Holland MI, 2005

Confession of Sin

Leader:

from 1 John 1:5-10

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us and if we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

All: Father, forgive us for minimizing, ignoring and denying our sin.
Grant us eyes to see the truth that your word may dwell in us.

Silent time to pray and confess

1. Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit come, With e - ner -
2. Melt, melt this fro - zen heart; This stub - born
3. Con - vince us of our sin; Then lead to
gy di - vine, And on th - is poor, be -
will sub - due; each e - vil pas - sion
Je - sus' blood, And to our wond' - ring
night - ed soul, With beams of mer - cy shine.
o - ver - come, And form me all a - new.
view re - veal The se - cret love of God.

Abbeville, Words: Benjamin Beddome, 1800; Music: The Sacred Harp, E.J. King, 1844

Assurance of Pardon

from 1 John 1:5-10

Leader: if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

All: **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Sing to Assure

4. 'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart, To sanc - ti -
5. Mine will the pro - fit be, But Thine shall
-fy the soul, To pour fresh life in
be the praise; And un - to Thee will
eve - ry part, And new cre - ate the whole.
I de - vote The rem - nant of my days.

Lessons from the Word

read by Michele and David Dillon

Old Testament Lesson -
New Testament Lesson -

Psalms 103:8-14, p.502
Colossians 2:13-15, p.984

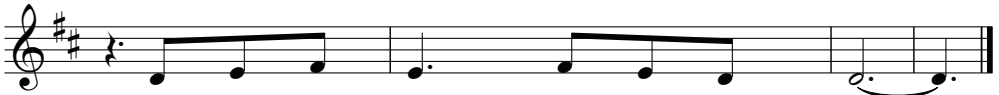
Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God



1. Born by the Ho - ly Spir - it's breath, Loosed from the
2. In us the Spi - rit makes His home That we in
3. Child - ren and heirs of God most high, We by his
4. One in His love, His pur - pose one To form the
5. Nor death, nor life, nor pow'r's un - seen, nor height, nor



law of sin and death, Now cleared in Christ from e - very claim,
Him may ov - er - come. Christ's ri - sen life in all its power,
Spi - rit "Fa - ther" cry. That spi - rit with our spi - rit shares
like - ness of His Son In all who, called and jus - ti - fied,
depth can come bet - ween. We know through pe - ril, pain and sword



No judge - ment stands a - gainst our name.
Its all pre - vai - ling strength is ours.
To frame and breathe our word - less prayers.
shall reign in glo - ry at His side.
The love of God in Christ our Lord.

Born by the Holy Spirit's Breath, Words, Timothy Dudley-Smith, Music, Paul van der Bijl

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker
Forgive Us, Luke 18:9–14, p.865

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Notes:

**All: 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.**

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.



1. O Breath of Life, _ come sweep-ing through us.

2. O Wind of God, _ come bend us, break us,



Re- vive_ your church with life and pow'r.

'til humbly we con- fess our need.

O Breath of Life, come cleanse re-

Then in your ten- der - ness, re-



new us

make us.

and fit_ your church to meet this hour.

Re- vive, re - store, for this we plead.



O Breath of Love, _ come breathe with - in us,



re - new-ing thought and will and heart. Come, love of Christ, a - fresh to



win us.

Re vive_ your church in ev - ery part.

O Breath of Life, Words: Bessie Porter Head, 1920; Music Andy Piercy, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, London UK, 2006

from The Archbishops' Council, Church of England, 2008

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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

Come Down O Love Divine
sung by the Covenant Choir

*1 Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

*2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*

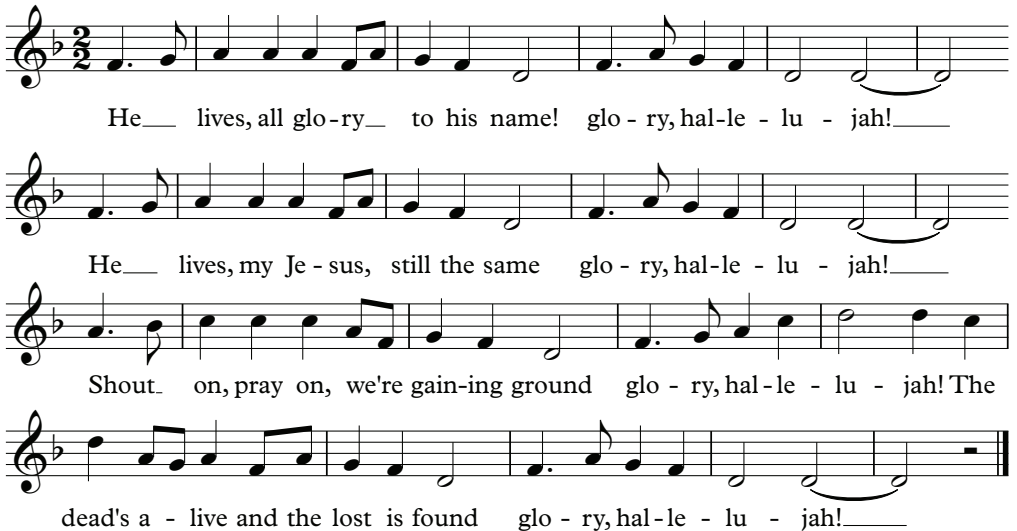
*3 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.*

by Bianco da Siena, circa 1350, music by Ralph Vaughn Williams

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.**



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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



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
 2. Je - sus the name that charms our fears, That
 3. He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin, He
 4. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your
 5. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -



great re - dee - mer's praise, The glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - oner free; His blood can make the
 loose-'nd tongues em - ploy; Ye blind, be - hold your
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread thro' all the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace.
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace. *refrain*
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vailed for me.
 Sav - ior come; And leap ye lame, for joy. *refrain*
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of thy name. *refrain*

refrain



Hal - le - lu - jah! I will



sing my great re - dee - mer's praise!

O For a Thousand, Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Carl Gläser, 1828, refrain and arr. by Devin Pogue, Christ Church Highland Park, 2013

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

10.15 service

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level
- Children's Worship: preK-5th Grade, lower level

Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Hyunseob Kim, James Leach, Anna Harvey

Ushers: Margret-Ann Natsis, Craig and Cedric Horbinski

Musicians: Paul David Young, keys, vocals; Devon Spencer, vocals; Matthew Siefert, bass; Alice Owen, violin; Paul van der Bijl, guitar, vocals; Liam van der Bijl, 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 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: On June 4, we'll be joined by Covenant missionaries who will share about their work with a people group in West Asia. Join us during Common Ground at 10:15 in the Library.

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.

Summer Dinners Together: Join others from Covenant for potluck gatherings throughout the city this summer. On July 8 and 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 25 Cookout: Join us for an all-church cookout on June 25. 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).

Musicians Needed: If are interested in being a part of the worship team on Sunday mornings, please contact Paul van der Bijl at pvanderbijl@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).

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).

Giving QR Code





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

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

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Treasurer: Ben Harvey

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

Welcome to Covenant

Please fill out this form, tear it out, and put it in one of the offering boxes at the back of the church.

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New to Covenant | Regular Attender | Member

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Address:

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- ☐ Small Groups
- ☐ Service Opportunities
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Receiving the Email Letter
- ☐ Children and Youth Ministry
- ☐ Other:

Prayer Requests:

Covenant Life

Worship Together:

We are made to worship the Triune God, and our worship is always ordered around Jesus Christ and the forgiveness and grace he secured for us by his cross, resurrection and ascension. Gathering around this good news together on Sundays strengthens our appetites, imaginations and abilities to live as followers of Jesus.

Grow and Learn Together:

Learning about our faith and growing together in it forms us into human beings who are fully swept up into the work God is doing to reconcile all things to himself in Jesus. Learning is more than simply knowing; it is the internalization of truth that leads to mature thinking and acting.

Serve Together:

The natural outcome of receiving and experiencing grace is to be propelled outward into mission and service. All of us have been given gifts to use for the good of our common life and for the good of the broken world around us, and we encourage everyone to regularly use their gifts in service.



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

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