

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire,air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.
The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in His translation.

Whose mother tongue is Love in every nation.

~ Malcolm Guite

5th Sunday of Pentecost, June 16, 2024 Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago cover watercolor by Jamie Gray

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 Dan Adamson

Prepare for worship

Adap. from Ecclesiastes 3:11

O Holy Father, you have made everything beautiful in its time. You have even put a sense of eternity into our hearts. Even so, we cannot fathom the work you have done from start to finish. We gather as your children in worship to hear your Word and feast with you at your Table so that the mystery of your abiding work may be revealed to us, through us, to the world.



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



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. Come Lord, ride out your gleam-ing course and be our dawn our light's_true source.

O Splendor of the Father's Light, Words: St. Ambrose (340-397).

Music: mode 1, Antiphoner, 1400's

GOD GATHERS US TO WORSHIP CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 34

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

All: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!



Psalm 34, Words: , Isaac Watts, 1720, Music based on a Sacred Harp tune

PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

Leader: O God, our Maker, we adore you and magnify you and bless your name. You are the living bread and we can taste and see that you are good and we find our refuge in your grace and your mercy.

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

Silent moment of adoration



I sought_the e-ter-nal God and he___ has freed_my long-ing heart from blame.

GOD

MAKES COVENANT WITH US

> There is one body and one

Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one

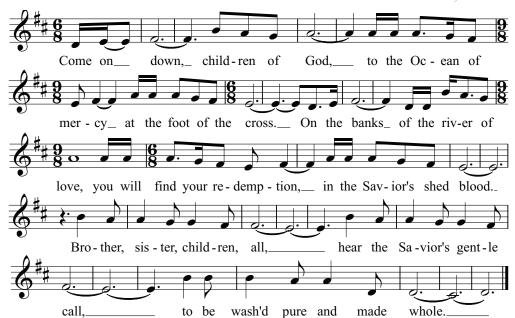
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above all and through all in

all. - Ephesians

4:4-6

God and Father of all, who is

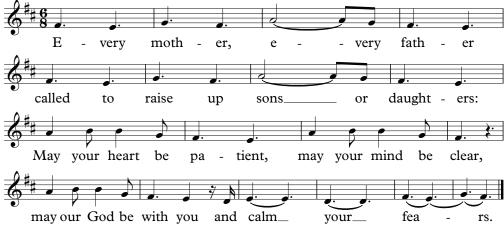


Ocean of Mercy, by Paul van der Bijl, 2006

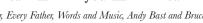
Louise Ruth Marlow, daughter of Pete and Sarah

Prayer of Congregational Blessing:

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

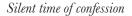


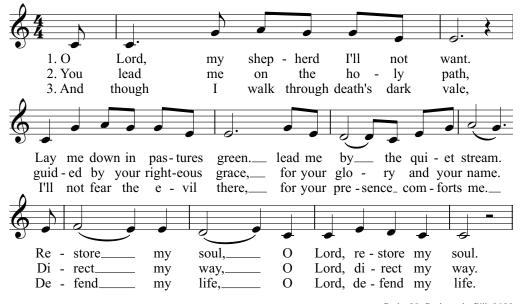
Every Mother, Every Father, Words and Music, Andy Bast and Bruce Benedict, 2017



Leader: He was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

GOD FORGIVES AND CLEANSES US





Psalm 23, Paul van der Bijl, 2022

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

All: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

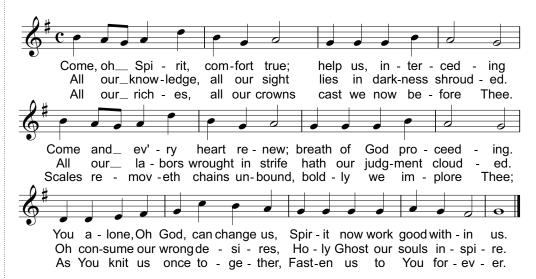


LESSONS FROM THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson - Genesis 3:17-19 p.3 Gospel Lesson - John 15:26-27, p.902

GOD SPEAKS TO US Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Come O Spirit, Words and Music, Isaac Wardell, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville, 2008

THE WORD Ian Troll

The Spirit Helps Us in Our Weakness, Romans 8:18–30, p.944

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.



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 box 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.



Come with Your peace, with Your in-vi-ta-tion. Bind us to-ge-ther in ho-ly_love.

Trinity Song, by Sandra McCracken, Westside Anglican Fellowship, Nashville, TN, 2016

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

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.

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

COME WITH THANKSGIVING

Leader: It is a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God of glory. We thank you for giving back to us what we have offered you. Accept these offerings of bread, wine and gifts to you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to the work of your kingdom.

All: In the beginning you laid the foundation of the earth and created us in your image. You set for us a Table in the Garden where we feasted together with you in peace.

Leader: But we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign.

All: Still you loved us and sought us and invited us to feast with you again.

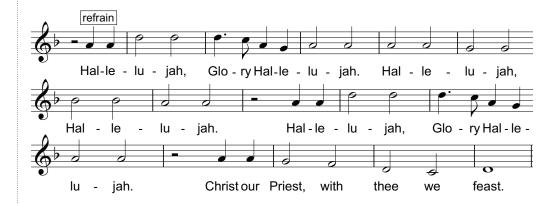
Leader: You sent us bread from heaven and broke the stone to quench our thirst.
You gave us a land flowing with milk and honey.
You sent us the prophets and priests to call us back to you.

And still we rebelled against you because of our sin.

All: Through Christ, and by his death, resurrection and ascension, you filled us with living bread and quenched our thirst with living water and opened a place for us at your Table to commune together in peace again.

Leader: Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim and sing:

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.



As this broken bread, once dispersed over the hills, was brought together and became one loaf, so may your Church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

from the earliest recorded communion prayer, Didache, 100 AD

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

* written by members of the congregation

Prayer for those taking communion *

Gracious Lord Jesus, how can it be that the loving, holy God of the universe would die for a sinner such as me? Without your selfless act of love, I would be destined to eternity without you. By eating this bread and drinking this cup, I acknowledge your atoning work of grace in my life. As this bread and wine are absorbed into my body for nourishment, may you likewise be absorbed into my soul to transform me into the person you envision be to be. Amen.

Prayer for those searching for truth *

Jesus, you once encountered someone who was challenged in their faith; they told you "I believe, help my unbelief." I too find myself lacking sufficient faith to live as you desire. Please help me take a small step beyond my comfort zone and move toward you in faith. I rest in your loving kindness to me. Amen.

Prayer of belief *

Jesus, I'm not sure what I believe to be true in life. I'm curious about the claims you've made and the works you performed. I am aware that I need someone/something more than just myself. My failings are ever before me. I now see that despite those failings, your love for me is greater than I ever imagined. So I turn to you now as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin *

Lord Jesus, I am very aware that I have failed to live according to your teachings. I have assumed the throne of my life and chosen to pursue my own sources of happiness even when I knew it was in opposition to your best desires for me. I humbly come to you and acknowledge my poor choices. By eating this bread and drinking this cup, I once again ask for your forgiveness and grace. Amen.

Song for Communion

You are welcome to join in song:



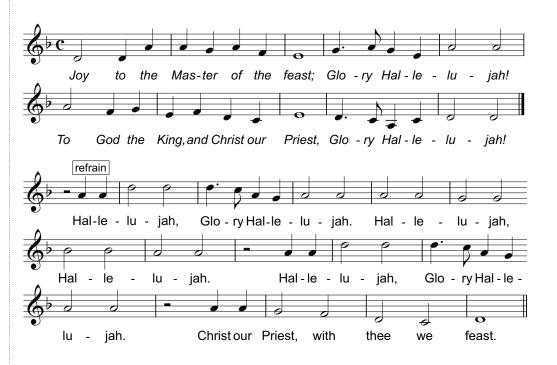
Jesus! We Bow Before Thy Feet, Words: Isaac Watts, 1700s, Music, The Sacred Harp, 1850, arr./addl. txt, vdBijl, 2014

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.

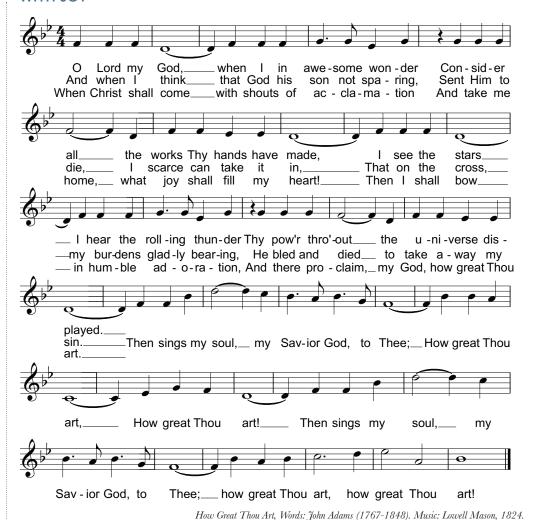


IN COMMUNITY Pastor Dan Adamson

Announcements, events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks

WITH JOY

GOD **SENDS** US



WITH BLESSING

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Pastor Dan Adamson

WELCOME TO COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY AT COVENANT

1st Service, 9:00am

2nd service, 11:15am

Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level

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- Children's Worship: preK-5th Grade, lower level

Common Ground, 10:15am

- · Coffee and snacks in the courtyard
- Nursery: Ages 0-4 (Lower Level)
- Adult Education: From Gospel to Apocalypse (Fellowship Hall, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Beauty and Meaning (Library, Ed Building)
- Family Education: Beauty and Meaning (All Saints Room, Lower Level)

Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Maribeth Shover, Shane Rector (9:00), James Leach, Mark and Ranya Faasse (11:15)

Ushers: Brent Blankenship, Mark Hicks (9:00)

Welcome Table: Jennie von Drehle (9:00); Jon Skinner (11:15)

Musicians: Paul van der Bijl, guitar, Paul David Young, electric guitar; Brian Riggs, bass; Drew Goodwin, viola; Liam van der Bijl, keys; Adriane Fink, piano; Danny Medina, 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

Summer Common Ground: Beginning June 23, Covenant will be on summer break during Common Ground; no classes or childcare will be available. We invite you to join us between the services in the courtyard and Fellowship Hall for snacks and coffee.

From Gospel to Apocalypse: Join us for the final week of this series on the New Testament. Olivia Stewart Lester will close this series, focusing on the book of Revelation.

Beauty and Meaning: Exploring Covenant's Sanctuary. Join us for this class that focuses on different artistic and architectural elements of our sanctuary. In the All Saints Room, the staff will lead a session accessible to families with elementary aged students. A parent is required to attend with their child. In the Library, PD Young will lead a session aimed towards adults and older students. Each week, we'll end by exploring the sanctuary together. Today, we'll discuss symbolism in the sanctuary.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

June 30 Cookout: Join us for our first all-church cookout of the summer. On June 30, we'll have one service at 10:15 followed by a potluck cookout in the courtyard and grassy lot. We ask everyone to bring a dish to share. Categories are listed below. Please drop off your dish before service in the kitchen of the Education Building. If you'd be willing to help with setup, food service or clean up, please contact Pastor Dan Adamson (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

A-J: Side Dish or Chips

K-P: Desserts

Q-Z: Fruit or veggie trays

Women's Summer Socials: Let's stay connected this summer! Please join the women of Covenant for casual backyard socials on June 20 and Aug 8 from 7 to 9 pm at members' homes on the northside. There is no registration fee, but bring a light snack or favorite beverage to share! The locations will be in the Women's Events email newsletter, so please email women@covenantchicago.org to ensure you have all the details!

Women's Fall Retreat: Save the date! This year's retreat will be Oct. 4-6 at DeKoven. More details to come. Look for early registration in August!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Home Court on July 19: Every summer, Breakthrough hosts a series of summer block parties & basketball tournaments in East Garfield Park. Covenant is partnering with Breakthrough on Friday, July 19th to host Home Court in St. Louis Park from 4:30-8:30 pm. We need 15 Volunteers to help prepare food for the free cookout and help with children's activities. You can sign up to help with a portion of the event or the whole event. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Pastor Dan Adamson (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

Ushers Needed: Ushers are the first people to greet people as they come to Covenant. They pass out the orders of worship, help people find the bathrooms and classrooms, and help at the end of service to clean up the sanctuary. Most ushers serve once a month. If you'd like to join our usher team, please contact Margret-Ann Natsis (margretann.natsis@gmail.com).

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).

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 on the second Saturday of every month and we're aiming to grow to serve more clients. In order to do that, we're looking for volunteers to serve in some of the non-legal roles. We could use one more volunteer to help on Saturday mornings to greet guests and support them as well as someone to take on some design work both for a social media account and a print brochure to help clients find our clinic. If you'd be interested in helping in either of those roles, please contact Linda Gehrs (lmgehrs@gmail.com). Most volunteers serve once every other month.

NEWS AND UPDATES

Counseling at Covenant. We're happy to welcome Michele Dillon back onto staff in her role as Counselor. Michele is available to come alongside those going through challenging circumstances of many kinds – transitions, losses, relationship difficulties, spiritual questioning, parenting, and anxiety and depression. This counseling is available to members and regular attenders of Covenant. If you're interested in arranging a confidential meeting, email Michele at mdillon@covenantchicago.org. You can learn more at https://covenantchicago.org/get-connected/counseling/.

One Service Sundays: Mark your calendar for our one service Sundays this summer at 10:15. June 30, July 7, August 25 and September 1, we'll have one service at 10:15. There will be no Common Ground on these weeks. On June 30 and August 25, we'll have a cookout after the service.

David Williams Memorial Service. There will be a memorial service for David Williams at Covenant on June 27 at lpm. David served for 21 years as the third pastor of Covenant. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

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).



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SESSION

Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David Dillon, Dave Hoover, Brad Lewis, Joshua Norton

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

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

Treasurer: Ben Harvey

WELCOME TO COVENANT

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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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