

THE
WORK
OF
THE
SPIRIT



Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, bestowing life unto life,
moving in All.

You are the root of all creatures,
washing away all impurity,
scouring guilt,
and anointing wounds.

Thus you are luminous and praiseworthy, Life,
awakening, and re-awakening all that is.

~ Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179)

7th Sunday of Pentecost, June 30, 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

Ephesians 4:1-6

Dear God, we gather in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as we were called to the one hope that belongs to our call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.



1. There is one bo - dy, _ there is one Spi - rit, _ there is one hope, ___
2. There is one Lord, ___ there is one faith, ___ there is one bap-ti-sm, _



to which we are called. _ One God ___ and Fa-ther of all,
to which we are called.



one Lord ___ o - ver all, through all, in ___ all.

*Ephesians 4, music by Steve Williamson,
Church of the Resurrection, Wheaton, 2011*

GOD
GATHERS
US TO
WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**All: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!**

Leader: You rule the raging of the sea;
when its waves rise, you still them.

**All: The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;
the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.**



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion_cry, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Praise him all ye hosts a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Saints and an - gels sing his_praise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Glo - ry to the Lord on_high, Al - le - lu - ia!
E - ver bright and fair in_love, Al - le - lu - ia!
An - cient of E - ter - nal_Days, Al - le - lu - ia!



Heav'n and earth a - wake and_sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
Sun and moon lift up_your_voice, Al - le - lu - ia!
Lord of earth and sea_and_sky, Al - le - lu - ia!



God is God and there - fore_King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Night and stars in God re - joice, Al - le - lu - ia!
God most ho - ly, God Most High, Al - le - lu - ia!

*Let the Whole Creation Cry, Words: Stopford Brooke, 1881, Bedford Chapel, Bloomsbury, UK;
Music: Robert Williams, 1817*

PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

Leader: O God, our Maker, the heavens and the earth are yours. Your creation proclaims your majesty. You are with us when we gather as your children and for this we thank you and adore you.

**All: Open our eyes to the presence of your Son
by the power of your Holy Spirit.**

silent moment of adoration

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final three lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with clear note values and rests.

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, Mark Lane Congregational Chapel, London, UK;
Music: William Billings, 1770, Sacred Harp*

CONFESSION OF SIN

from Ephesians 4

Leader: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

All: Loving God, forgive us the hardhearted bitterness we harbor against others, our self-righteous wrath, and the grudges we hold close. In your mercy, help us to be kind and to forgive others as you have forgiven us.

GOD
FORGIVES
AND
CLEANSES
US



1. "For - give our sins _____ as we for - give," _____ you taught us
2. How can your par - don reach and bless _____ the un - for -
3. In blaz - ing light _____ your cross re - veals _____ the truth we
4. Lord, cleanse the depths _____ with - in our souls, _____ and make re -



Lord, _____ to pray; _____ But you a - lone _____ can give us
giv - ing heart _____ that clings to wrongs _____ and will not
dim - ly know; _____ How small the debts _____ men owe to
sent - ment cease; _____ Then, rec - on - ciled _____ to God and



grace _____ to live _____ the words _____ we say.
let _____ old bit - ter - ness _____ de - part?
us; _____ how great _____ our debt _____ to you.
man _____ our lives _____ will spread _____ your peace.

Refrain



For by your cross, _____ O Christ we live, _____ for-give our



sins, _____ as we for - give; _____ For-give our sins, _____ as we for - give.

Forgive Our Sins, Words, Rosamond Herklots, 1969; Music and Refrain by Paul van der Bijl, 2023

Silent time of confession

LESSONS FROM THE WORD

read by Sandra & Jay Zimmerman

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 33.18-22, p.463

New Testament Lesson - Galatians 2.20-21, p.973

GOD
SPEAKS
TO US

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



1.Out of the depths I cry to You, in dark-est plac-es I will call.
2.Were You to count my sin-ful ways, how could I come be-fore Your throne.



In-cline Your ear to me a-new, and hear my cry for mer-cy, Lord.
Yet full for-give-ness meets my gaze, I stand re-deemed by grace a lone.



I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will re-ly.



I will wait for You, my soul waits for You, for Your love is my de light.

*Psalm 130, words and music by Jordan Kauffin, Matt Merker, Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2018,
Christ Covenant Church, Atlanta, GA*

THE WORD

Pastor Aaron Baker

The Spirit is Our Helper, John 14:15–20, p.901

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.



3. So put your hope in God a-lone. Take cour-age in His power to save,
4. Now He has come to make a way, and God Him-self has paid the price,



com-plete-ly and for-ev-er won by Christ's e-merg-ing from the grave.
that all who trust in Him to-day, find heal-ing in His sac-ri-fice.



I will wait for You, sure-ly wait for You, through the storm and through the night.



I will wait for You, my soul waits for you, for Your love is my de light.

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 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.



Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow. Praise him all crea-tures here be - low.



Praise him a-bove ye heav'-nly hosts. Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

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

COME WITH THANKSGIVING

adap. from the Alexandrine Liturgy of St. Basil, 4th cent.

Leader: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Accept our humble offerings of bread, wine and gifts to you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to the work of your kingdom.

**All: Fountain of all life and source of all goodness,
you made all things and fill them with your blessing;
you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.**

Leader: You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

**All: When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us
to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in
seeking you we might find you.**

Leader: You make us your Son's body, taken, blessed, and broken on the cross to be shared for the life of the world.

**All: Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and
day, and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing
praise.**

Leader: Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise:

**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.**

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

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.

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 **

God in heaven, you have promised to meet your people here, at this table. For your own sake, make good on that promise. Use these ordinary elements to nourish our faith. Share your grace with your church today. Remind us of the Son's saving work, and that evil and death will not have the final word. Amen.

*Prayer for those searching for truth **

Lord Jesus, I have heard your name. I have heard truth spoken in this place this morning. But I have heard other things before, and in other places that seemed true to me. I have heard people tell lies in your holy name. Show me that this time is different. Show me who you are, and shine the truth of the gospel overwhelmingly on me so that I can't help but see you and know that you are the source of all truth. Amen.

*Prayer of belief **

Lord God, show me how to wrestle with unbelief as Jacob wrestled with the Angel. Turn my questions into faith, answer my doubts with your presence. Show me that while I ask for proof, it is your love that I need. Your promises are secure to the bedrock, strong against the breaking wave of my fear. Let my doubt result into a hard-won faith rooted in your good word. Amen.

*Prayer for those struggling with sin **

Jesus, help me to obey. Take my desires and bury them with an even greater desire for you. When I face temptation, I feel weak. Be my strength. Give me the grace to choose to follow you, and remind me, even now, that the peace I long for can be found nowhere apart from your presence. Help me choose to love you more. Amen.

Song for Communion

You are welcome to join in song:



1. In the cross of Christ_ I glo - ry, tow - ering
2. When the woes of life_ o'er take us, hopes de -
3. When the sun of bliss_ is beam - ing light and
4. Bane and bless - ing, pain_ and plea - sure, by the
5. In the cross of Christ_ I glo - ry, there for



o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
ceive and fears de - stroy, nev - er shall the cross_ for -
love up - on our way, from the cross the ra - diance,
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows_ no
all was grace made free, none de - ser - ving, yet re -



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake us; from it shines our peace and joy.
stream - ing, adds more beau - ty to the day.
mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
ceiv - ing life through death at Cal - va - ry.



In the cross, _ in the cross. I glo - - ry.



In the cross, _ in the cross. I glo - - ry.

*In The Cross of Christ I Glory, words by John Bowring, 1825; tune by Ithamar Conkey, 1851
Central Baptist Church, Norwich, Connecticut*

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.**



Oh, we la - bor un - to_ glo-ry when hea-ven and earth are_

one, oh we la-bor un-to_ glo-ry, un - til God's king-dom comes.

IN COMMUNITY

Larissa Bossemeyer

Announcements, events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks

WITH JOY

adapted from Romans 5 and Philipians 2

GOD
SENDS
US



1. My God, my God, where e'er I go, glo - ry._____
2. The sun it shines and then goes down, glo - ry._____
3. My heart, my hands, they're king-dom bound, glo - ry. Where



Where I reap and where I sow, glo - ry._____
Rain, it pours and beats the ground, glo - ry._____
thorns no lon - ger curse the ground, glo - ry._____
When my hand, it grips the thorn, glo - ry._____
Dust, it blows and ends my days, glo - ry._____
Trim the wick and light the flame, glo - ry. My



In the still and in the storm, glo - ry. Oh, we
hearts, they burn be-neath Your gaze, glo - ry.
work, it will not be in vain, glo - ry.



la-bor un - to_ glo-ry when hea-ven and earth are_ one, oh we



la - bor un - to_ glo-ry, un - til God's king-dom comes.



la - bor un - to_ glo-ry, un - til God's king-dom comes.

We Labor Unto Glory, Words and Music, Craig Harris, Plum Creek Church, Castle Rock, CO, 2017

WITH BLESSING

Pastor Aaron Baker

**The flowers on the altar today are in memory of the Reverend David Williams (1941-2024)*

Service, 10:15am

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

Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Jonathan and Sara Ellison, Mark Lester

Ushers: Andy Stapert

Welcome Table: Jon Skinner

Musicians: Paul van der Bijl, guitar, Paul David Young, electric guitar; Devon Spencer, vocals; Adriane Fink, piano; Danny Medina, sound technician; Galileo Pierson, video streaming 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: Covenant is 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

An Arab-Christian Reflection on the Israel-Palestine Conflict: Join us on July 2 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for an opportunity to think deeply about the way our faith shapes our beliefs about the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Covenant is excited to host Dr. Alexander Massad (Assistant Professor of World Religions, Wheaton College) to lead a discussion on a Reformed Christian perspective on this conflict through the lens of history, scripture, and theology. After Dr. Massad's lecture, we'll have a time of Q&A before spending some time together in group discussions with an aim towards deepening our engagement with the subject. Childcare is available; please contact Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org) to let us know if your children will be joining us that evening.

Women's Summer Social: Let's stay connected this summer! Please join the women of Covenant for a casual backyard social on Aug 8 from 7 to 9 pm at a members' home on the northside. There is no registration fee, but bring a light snack or favorite beverage to share! The location 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!

Men's Summer Cookout: Join the men of Covenant at 5 pm on Sunday, July 28 for a backyard cookout on the northside! Begin and deepen relationships while eating delicious food in a casual setting. Bring your own beverage, donation (\$10), and lawn chair. RSVP for more details at <https://covenantchicago.org/events/mens-cookout/>.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Make a Food and Hygiene Kit: Join us on July 14 during Common Ground in the Fellowship Hall to make bags with hygiene and food essentials for those who are in need. The diaconate will provide supplies and bags so that you can take the completed kits with you to distribute to migrants, the unhoused, or others in need. Questions? Contact the diaconate at deacons@covenantchicago.org.

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).

Trunk Party: Breakthrough is hosting a Trunk Party on August 10 for high school graduates in Garfield Park who are headed off to college. At the party, guests fill the student's "trunk" with essentials for college—such as bedding, towels, toiletries, laundry supplies, and more. You can find a list of supplies to purchase on our welcome table. Please purchase items and bring them to our Mercy Bin by August 4. Additionally, Breakthrough has specifically asked our church to provide and serve the food at the Trunk Party. We need 10 volunteers to help with the event from 9am to noon on August 10. To learn more or sign up, please contact Pastor Dan at 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).

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. On 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 August 25, we'll have a cookout after the service.

Parents of Diverse Learners. If you have a child with a disability taking part in our children's ministry, we would like to try and find ways to meet your child's unique needs. One of our deacons, Kylene Young, has years of experience as a special education teacher and can work with you and our volunteers to tailor a plan. If you're interested in learning more, contact Ian (ian@covenantchicago.org) or Kylene (Kyleneyoung@gmail.com).

Sermon Devotional Emails: Twice a week, a team from Covenant sends sermon devotional emails that will help you reflect on and pray through the prior week's sermon text and Scripture lessons. Email devotional@covenantchicago.org to sign up.

Do you know about the Deacons Fund? If you are experiencing any kind of personal or financial hardship and would like some help, please contact our deacons (deacons@covenantchicago.org). Your email will go directly to the deacons, and they'll treat it with confidentiality. If you're able, now is a great time to contribute to the Deacons Fund to meet the needs of others in our congregation. You may contribute to the Deacons Fund by writing "Deacons Fund" in the memo of a check or by selecting the Deacons Fund option on Covenant's giving site.

Meals Ministry: The Meals Ministry cares for our community by providing occasional meals to individuals and families. If you have recently experienced health problems, have welcomed a new child into your family, or have suffered a loss, please visit covenantchicago.org/meals-ministry/ to request a meal. The Meals Ministry also seeks volunteers to cook and deliver meals, and you can sign up to volunteer through the website link. Questions? Contact meals@covenantchicago.org.

Let Us Pray for You. Covenant's staff meets to pray for the congregation throughout the week. We would be honored to pray for you. You can share prayer requests by writing them on the tear out portion at the back of the order of worship or by emailing Pastor Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

Sermon Text Next Week: 1 Corinthians 12:1-7



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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

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

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.



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

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