



# Arguing With Jesus

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Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago  
14th Sunday of Pentecost

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## Welcome

## Call to Worship

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from *Isaiah 12:2–6*

Leader: "Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;

All: **for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation."**

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.  
And you will say in that day:

All: **"Give thanks to the LORD,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Leader: "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

All: **Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."**

1 I sing the migh - ty power of God that made the moun - tians rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes your glo - ries known,

that spread the\_ flow-ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.  
 he formed the\_ crea-tures with his word and then\_ pro-nounced them good.  
 and clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from your throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
 Lord, how your won-ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
 while all that bor-rows life from you is e - ver in your care,

the moon shines full at his com - mand and all\_ the stars o - obey.  
 if I sur -vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!  
 and e - very-where that I may be, you, God, are pre-sent there.

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God, Words: Isaac Watts, 1715. Music: Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle, 1784*

## Confession of Sin

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Leader: And Jesus said: "Come to me, all who are weary and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

### Sing to Confess



Come wear - y saints though tired and weak, hide a - way in the

Come wan - dering souls and find your home, hide a - way in the

Come guilt - y ones weighed down with sin, hide a - way in the



love of Je - sus. Your strength will re - turn by His

love of Je - sus. He of - fers the rest that you

love of Je - sus. The free-dom you long for is



qui - et streams, hide a - way in the love of Je - sus.

yearn to know, hide a - way in the love of Je - sus.

found in Him, hide a - way in the love of Je - sus.

*Hide Away in the Love of Jesus, Words and Music by Steve and Vikki Cook, 2008*

### Silent time to pray and confess

## **Assurance of Pardon**

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Leader: *For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Colossians 3:3-4*

Come hope-ful hearts free from des - pair, hide a - way in the  
love of Je - sus. For ten thou - sand joys a -  
wait you there, hide a - way in the love of Je - sus.

## Lessons from the Word

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Old Testament Lesson -  
New Testament Lesson -

Isaiah 42:1-4  
James 1:22-25

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

### The Word

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Pastor Aaron Baker  
Justice and the Love of God, Luke 11:37-44

While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table. The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner. And the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also? But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you.

"But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it."



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

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

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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.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, you made the wonder that is earth, inscribing soil, sky, and sea with life, energy, and glory.

**All:** Though we look upon you with eyes dimmed by the Fall, you gaze upon us with eyes filled with grace.

Leader: You breathe new air into our choking lungs, you bring life out of broken earth, you turn the roiling seas into the waters of our baptism.

**All:** You parted the waters to liberate your captive people, and you rolled away the stone to bring us face to face with your resurrected Son.

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:** And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

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.

## Distribute the Bread & Cup

Please note that we serve both red wine and white grape juice.  
All wafers are gluten free and available in a single serve cup

### 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.*

### 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.**

## News & Announcements

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### Announcements in our community

**Let Us Pray for You.** Covenant's staff meets remotely to pray for the congregation throughout the week. We would be honored to pray for you. Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Dan ([dadamson@covenantchicago.org](mailto:dadamson@covenantchicago.org)) who will share them with the staff.

**Upcoming Women's Event:** Due to the pandemic, the Covenant Women's Event Team has postponed the annual women's retreat. Instead, we'll offer a special 2 hour virtual event on Saturday, October 3rd from 10 am to noon called *Life as Liturgy: How Our Ordinary Rhythms Shape Us*. Inspired by Tish Harrison Warren's book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, we will explore how our everyday rituals move us towards God and invite us into the story of Jesus. We will discuss what it means to embrace the ordinary during this extraordinary pandemic time. Following this event, there will be an optional BYO picnic lunch in small outdoor groups. Look for more details soon. Registration will open September 13.

**Needed.** Covenant is looking for ushers to help on Sunday mornings as we reopen for worship. We're looking for volunteers to help at 1 or 2 services to welcome people to Covenant and answer questions about changes to our services. For more details or to sign up, please contact [office@covenantchicago.org](mailto:office@covenantchicago.org).

**Do you need help?** If the ongoing repercussions of covid-19 present a financial or physical hardship for you, please contact our deacons ([diaconate@covenantchicago.org](mailto:diaconate@covenantchicago.org)). Your email will go directly to the deacons, and they'll treat it with confidence. If you're able, now is a great time to contribute to the [Deacons Fund](#) to meet the needs of others in our congregation.

**Parents:** We know lots of you are trying to figure out childcare and remote learning plans for the Fall. We're working on ways to help families figure that out together. First, we're exploring offering space here at Covenant for learning pods. We've also put together a Facebook group for Covenant parents to directly connect about sharing childcare. If you're a Covenant parent and we have your contact information you should have received an email about these two options last week. If you didn't get that email and you'd like to know more, contact Sherri Bredenberg ([sbredenberg@covenantchicago.org](mailto:sbredenberg@covenantchicago.org)).

**Childcare on Sunday Mornings:** Covenant is offering limited childcare on Sunday mornings at the 8:30 am service beginning on September 13. This will only be available to children aged 1-4 and requires families commit to three consecutive weeks of attendance. You can find additional requirements and details on our registration page ([registrations.planningcenteronline.com/events/516001](http://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/events/516001)). Questions? Contact Sherri Bredenberg ([shbredenberg@covenantchicago.org](mailto:shbredenberg@covenantchicago.org)).

## Go With Joy

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God will give you strength, God will give you peace,  
God will give you hope, in your  
time of need. Go in the name of Christ.. Go with the  
Word of Life. Shine like the stars in this dark- ening world.  
Walk in his love, filled with his joy, blame-less and pure.

*Stars in the World (Phil.2:15-16), Words and Music, Paul van der Bijl, 2012*

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.*

## **Pastoral Staff**

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## **Session**

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Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, Dave Hoover, Kevin Jones, Steve Lehmann, David Salsedo, Ryan Von Drehle. Please direct correspondence for the Session to [session@covenantchicago.org](mailto:session@covenantchicago.org).

## **Diaconate**

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**Treasurer:** Ben Meyer

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



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