

Jesus and the fisherman



15th Sunday of Pentecost
September 18, 2022

It Makes No Sense

It makes no sense to go,
to leave your ninety-nine
and search the desert high and low,
one straying sheep to find,

to leave your treasures there
untended in the fold
and wander God-alone-knows-where
one tarnished coin to hold.

All reason cried out, "Stop!"
Obsession drives you thus
to fill and overflow the cup
and pour out more for us.

Why would you do this, Lord?
Why leave a world you'd won
and risk it all to gain still more?
Why break yourself for one?

Would any do the same?
O Savior, let it be
that someone senseless, in God's name,
would find and rescue me!

Though I cannot repay
or even comprehend
the love that tracks my wand'ring way,
oh, find me still! Amen.

~ *Kate Bluett*

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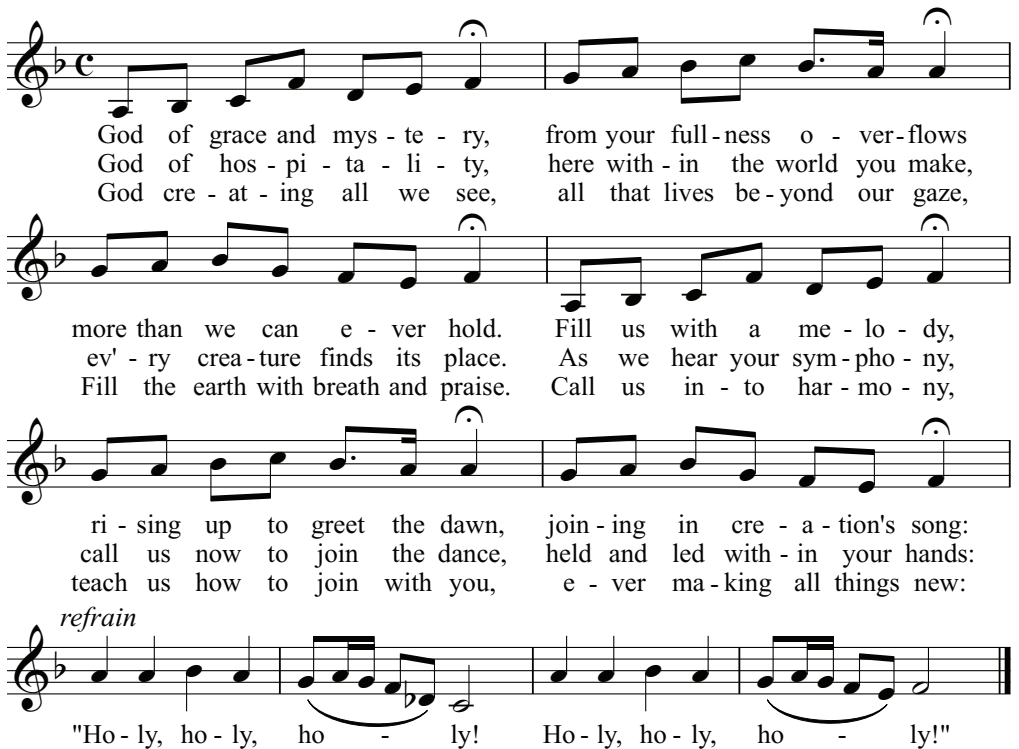
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Welcome

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.

Call to Worship



God of grace and mys - te - ry, from your full-ness o - ver-flows
God of hos - pi - ta - li - ty, here with - in the world you make,
God cre - at - ing all we see, all that lives be - yond our gaze,

more than we can e - ver hold. Fill us with a me - lo - dy,
ev' - ry crea - ture finds its place. As we hear your sym - pho - ny,
Fill the earth with breath and praise. Call us in - to har - mo - ny,

ri - sing up to greet the dawn, join - ing in cre - a - tion's song:
call us now to join the dance, held and led with - in your hands:
teach us how to join with you, e - ver ma - king all things new:

refrain

"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!"

God of Grace and Mystery, words and music, Kate Bluett, Holy Cross Catholic Church, The Colony, TX and Paul Zach, Christ Episcopal Church, Charlottesville, VA, 2022.

from Psalm 96

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**All: Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**All: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the LORD.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

**All: Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth,
sing to the Lord praise his name. De-clare his great sal - va - tion day af - ter day.
Let all the heav'ns be glad, let all the ea - rth re - joice,
let all the seas roar, let all the trees of the fo - rest sing for joy!

Refrain

1. For great is the Lord, and great-ly to be prais - ed!
2. Oh give to the Lord, the glo - ry due his na - me!

Psalm 96, Music, Paul van der Bijl 2018


Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: *Prayer of adoration:*

O Lord, you made the heavens, the earth and the roaring seas and all that fills it. The idols and distractions that fight for our attention are worthless before your splendor, majesty, beauty and strength.


moment of silent meditation

All:



For all our gods are worth - less be - fore the Lord of all,
splen - dor and ma - jes - ty, beau - ty and strength are you - - rs.

Refrain



1. For great _____ is the Lord, and great - ly to be prais - ed!
2. Oh give _____ to the Lord, the glo - ry due his na - me!

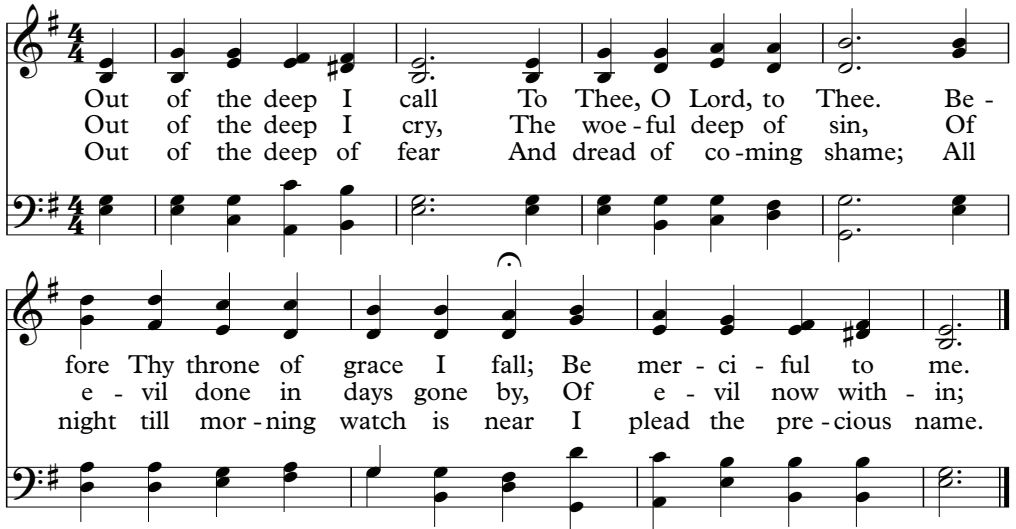
Leader: Father, by the power your Spirit and in the name of your Son Jesus,
All: **visit us with your presence today. Amen.**

Confession of Sin *Psalm 38:3-4,18, 21*

Leader: My iniquities have flooded over my head; they are a burden too heavy for me to bear. There is no health in my bones because of my sin.

All: I confess my iniquity;
I am sorry for my sin.
Do not forsake me, O LORD!
O my God, be not far from me!

Sing to Confess



Out of the deep I call To Thee, O Lord, to Thee. Be -
Out of the deep I cry, The woe - ful deep of sin, Of
Out of the deep of fear And dread of co - ming shame; All
fore Thy throne of grace I fall; Be mer - ci - ful to me.
e - vil done in days gone by, Of e - vil now with - in;
night till mor - ning watch is near I plead the pre - cious name.

Out of the Deep I Call (Psalm 130): Words: Henry Baker, 1868; Music: William Daman, 1579

Silent time to pray and confess

Assurance of Pardon *based on 1 Corinthians 6:11*

Leader: You are washed in the deep waters of God's love, you are sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Sing to Assure



1 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - mea - sured, boundless, free!
2 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread his praise from shore to shore!
3 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - ery love the best!



Rol - ling as a migh - ty o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me!
How he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth Chang - eth ne - ver ne - ver - more!
'Tis an o - cean vast of bles - sing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest!



Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love
How he watch - es o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, 'tis a heaven of heavens to me;



lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove!
how for them he int - er - ce - deth. Watch - eth o'er them from the throne!
and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee!

O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus, Words: Samuel Francis (1834-1925). Music: Thomas Williams, 1890.

Lessons from the Word

read by Andy Bilhorn ①, Mark and Andrew Faasse ②

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 107:23-30
New Testament Lesson - James 1.5-8

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



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

Pastor Aaron Baker
When He Saw the Wind, Matthew 14:22–33

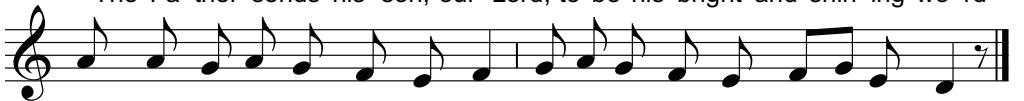
²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

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.

All: Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A - men.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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: It is right to give you thanks and praise.

Leader: In the beginning, your Spirit hovered over the face of the deep waters and you brought order out of chaos.

All: You created us in your image and walked with us in the Garden in peace.

Leader: But we turned from you, leaving the chaos of sin and death to reign and so you covered the earth in the deep waters of your judgment.

All: Still you saved us in the ark of Noah and in your love made covenant with us.

Leader: You freed us from slavery in Egypt, but before the deep waters of the Red Sea we doubted your faithfulness and complained to your prophet.

All: You parted the Red Sea and gave us your commandments and blessed us as your people for all generations.

Leader: Through Christ your Son, you stilled the storm and chaos of sin by his death, resurrection, and ascension, and renewed in us your salvation by the baptism of your Holy Spirit. And so with all creation we 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.**

refrain

"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!"

Distribute the Bread & Cup

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.

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

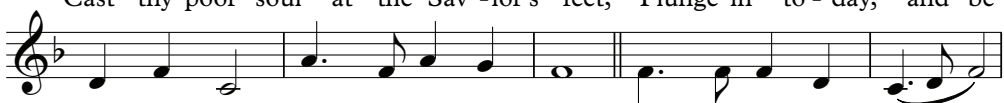
You are welcome to join in song:



1. Down at the cross where my Sav - ior died,
2. I am so won - drous - ly saved from sin,
3. Oh, pre - cious fount - ain that saves from sin,
4. Come to this fount - ain so rich and sweet,



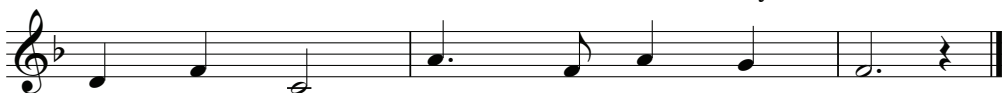
Down where for cleans-ing from sin I cried, There to my heart was the
Je - sus my Sav - ior a - bides with - in; There at the cross where He
I am so glad I have en - tered in; There Je - sus saves me and
Cast thy poor soul at the Sav - ior's feet; Plunge in to - day, and be



blood ap - plied; Glo - ry to His name!
took me in; Glo - ry to His name! Glo - ry to His name,
keeps me clean; Glo - ry to His name!
made com - plete; Glo - ry to His name!



glo - ry to His name: There to my heart was the



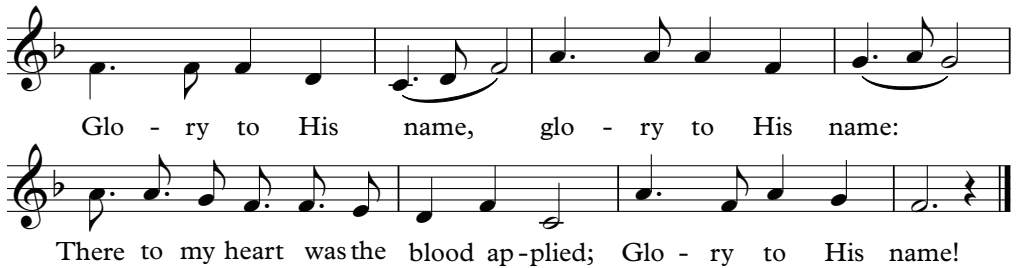
blood ap - plied; Glo - ry to His name!

Down at the Cross, Words: Elisha Hoffman, 1878. Music: John Stockton (1813-1877).

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.**



Glo - ry to His name, glo - ry to His name:
There to my heart was the blood ap-plied; Glo - ry to His name!

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

All:

Je - sus, Sav - ior pi - lot me ov - er life's temp - est - tuous sea;
Though the sea be smooth and bright spark - ling with the stars of night,
As a mo - ther stills her child, You can hush the o - cean wild;
When at last I near the shore, and the fear - ful break - ers roar
un - known waves be - fore me roll, hid - ing rock and treach - rous shoal;
and my ship's path be a - blaze with the light of bet - ter days;
boist - rous waves o - bey Your will when You say to them "Be still!"
be - tween me and peace - ful rest, then while lean - ing on Your breast,
chart and com - pass came from Thee! Savior pi - lot Me.____
still I know my need of Thee! Savior pi - lot Me.____
Won - drous Sov - reign of the sea, Savior pi - lot Me.____
may I hear Thee say to me: "I will pi - lot Thee."

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff covers the first four lines of lyrics, the second staff covers the next four lines, and the third staff covers the final four lines, ending with a double bar line.

Jesus Savior Pilot Me, Words: Edward Hopper, 1871, Music: Joseph Pensak, Redeemer Presbyterian, Burlington, VT., 2008

Leader: **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

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

- Coffee and snacks available in the Fellowship Hall (and in Classrooms)
- Nursery: Ages 0-4 (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: PreK-Middle School (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: High School (Youth Room, Ed. Building)
- Covenant Life Class: Adult Education (Library, Ed. Building)
- Who is My Neighbor: Adult Education (Conference Room, Ed. Building)
- What Do We Do Now: Adult Education (All Saints Room, Ed. Building)

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.

Covenant Life Class: Consider joining us for our five-week Covenant Life Class taught by the pastors during Common Ground. This class is a requirement for those who wish to become members, but it's equally valuable for those who are interested in learning more about the church and the things we care about most, starting with the gospel. The class will meet starting today in the Library of the Education Building at 10:15 am.

Who is My Neighbor: Economics and the Christian Life. In often indirect ways, economics impacts many aspects of our personal, social and political life. In what ways does economics shape our relationship to one another and what does it look like to live well in our current economic climate? Join us for this 5-week class taught by Jason Stanghelle as we think through the relationship of economic theory and our practical Christian life. This class will discuss the historical development of economics and develop theological categories for how to live well and love our neighbor in our current economic conditions. The class will meet starting today in the Conference Room of the Education Building at 10:15 am.

What Do We Do Now? A Look at the Early Church in Acts. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, the followers of Jesus are left to figure out what their lives look like now. What does it mean to follow Jesus in these early post-resurrection days? In this 7-week class, we'll look at the early church's formation in the book of Acts and follow along as the apostles and followers of Jesus start to build the practices that will shape the church for centuries to come. Join us as we study the book of Acts with an eye to the habits and commitments that helped to establish the church then and influence the church today. The class will meet starting today in the All Saints Room at 10:15 am.

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. We have four new groups starting this Fall. If you'd be interested in learning more about small groups, please contact Pastor Dan. (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

Wednesday Morning Women's Group: A new group for women recently started meeting at Covenant from 9 to 11 am in the All Saints Room. This group will read *A Stone for a Pillow: Journeys with Jacob* by Madeleine L'Engle and unpack together the way Jacob's experiences relate to our own landscape of faith. Childcare is available. Please contact Emily Schroeder Willis (emily.m.schroeder@gmail.com) with any questions.

Save the Date: Oct 15 Women's Fall Mini-Retreat at Covenant. Ingrid Faro, Professor at Northern Seminary (Lisle, IL), will be our featured speaker. More details to come soon.

Dinner Together: Get to know others at Covenant by joining us for upcoming meals in various homes throughout the city. Covenant is coordinating potluck dinners on October 1 and 22 for groups of 8 to 12. If you would be interested in attending a dinner on one of these evenings, please use the tear off card to indicate your interest or fill out the form on our event page: <https://covenantchicago.org/events/dinner-together/>.

Musicians Needed: If you like to sing, play piano or any instrument and are interested in being a part of the worship team on Sunday mornings, please contact Paul van der Bijl at pvanderbijl@covenantchicago.org

Sunday Morning Sound Technicians Needed: If you are interested in helping run sound on Sunday mornings please contact PD Young at pauldavidy@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 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).

Sermon Text Next Week: Matthew 16.13-20

Giving QR Code



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*Please direct correspondence for the Session to
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*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

Name:

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↑ *This is new or updated information* ↑

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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