



Arguing With Jesus

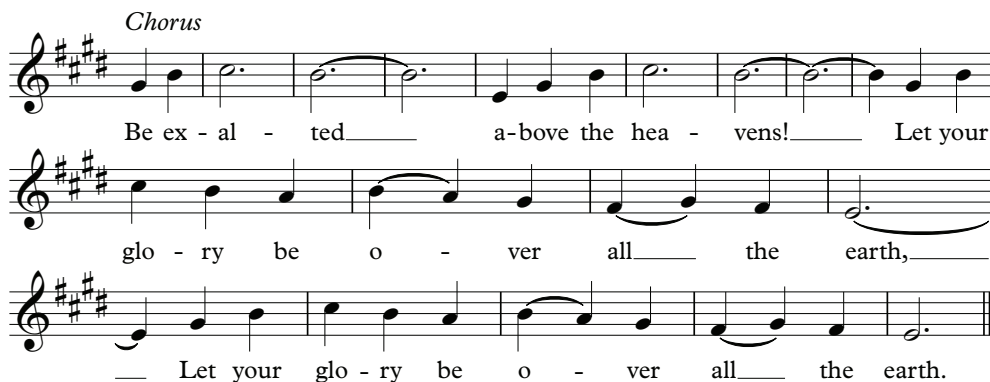
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Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago
17th Sunday of Pentecost

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Welcome

Chorus



Be ex - al - ted a - bove the hea - vens! Let your
glo - ry be o - ver all the earth,
Let your glo - ry be o - ver all the earth.

Call to Worship

from Psalm 57

Leader: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in you my soul takes refuge;

**All: My heart is steadfast, O God,
my heart is steadfast!**

Leader: I will sing and make melody!

All: Awake, my glory!

Leader: Awake, O harp and lyre!

All: I will awake the dawn!

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!**



1. O God be mer - ci - ful__ to me.__ My soul, take re - fuge
2. My heart is fixed, my song__ shall raise__ im - mor - tal hon - ors
3. Your stead - fast love is great,__ O God.__ I rest my hope in



in__ the Lord.__ I shel - ter 'neath thy spread - ing wing.__
to__ thy name.__ A - wake, my tongue, to sound his praise.__
thee a - lone;__ I'll spread thy sa - cred truths a - broad,__



__ O save__ me from__ the threat' - ning storm.__
__ A - wake,__ my soul__ to lift__ his name.__
__ To all__ man - kind__ thy love__ make known.__

Chorus



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Psalm 57, vs.1-2 by Isaac Watts,1720; vs.3 by William Wrangham, 1829; music by Paul van der Bijl, 2015

Confession of Sin

from Psalm 42, 40, Ezra 9

Leader: Deep calls to deep
at the roar of your waterfalls;
all your breakers and your waves
have gone over me.

**All: My iniquities have gone over my head;
like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.**

Leader: "O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God,

**All: for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads,
and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.**

Silent time to pray and confess

Sing to Confess



1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - meas - ured, bound-less, free.
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread his praise from shore to shore.



Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean, in its full - ness o - ver me.
How he lov - eth ev - er lov - eth Chang - eth ne - ver ne - ver more!



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;



Lead ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward, to thy glor - ious rest a - bove.
how for them he int - er - ce - deth. Watch - eth o'er them from his throne!

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

Assurance of Pardon *Mark 4, John 1, Psalm 42*

Leader: A great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat and Jesus awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

All: Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Leader: This is Jesus the Word who was with God, and who was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and in him is life and light. From his fullness we receive grace upon grace.

All: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - ery love the best!
'Tis an o - cean vast of bles - sing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee!

Lessons from the Word

Old Testament Lesson -
New Testament Lesson -

Isaiah 55.1-3
Romans 15.8-13

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

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker
Help Me, Matthew 15:21–28

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 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.

**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.

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.

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

4. The tab-le now is spread; The tab-le now is
spread. This wine and bread brok-en bod-y and blood shed; The
Chorus
tab - le now is spread. _____ Worth-y is the
Lamb who was slain Glor-y be un - to His name. Worth - y
is the Lamb who was slain; glor - y be un - to His name.

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

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) 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. You can find additional details and register here: <https://covenantchicago.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/524616>.

Book Discussion: *Weep With Me: How Lament Opens a Door For Racial Reconciliation*. Mark Vroegop's book suggests that lament gives the church a language and practice for Christians of different ethnicities to move towards one another. His book covers lament with an eye towards racial injustice, and then addresses three hopeful chapters each to majority and minority Christians. Join Larissa Bossemeyer and Pastor Aaron Baker as they moderate a Wednesday evening discussion of the book in October. 16 spots available. Find additional information and register online: <https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/events/546368/details>.

Small Groups: Covenant has many small groups that meet both online and in person. Every Wednesday at 7 pm, Pastor Dan leads a group that meets at the church. If you're interested in joining that group or another, please contact Pastor Dan (dadamson@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). 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.

Childcare on Sunday Mornings: Covenant is offering limited childcare on Sunday mornings at the 10 am service. 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). Questions? Contact Sherri Bredenberg (sbredenberg@covenantchicago.org).

Go With Joy



1. The Lamb has ov - er - come; the Lamb has ov - er -
2. No grave could hold Him down; No grave could hold Him
3. The day is draw - ing near; The day is draw - ing



come. The bat-tle's done and the vic-tor-y is won; the
down. Up from the ground "He is ris-en!" was the sound; No
near. He shall ap - pear and will wipe a-way each tear; The

Chorus



Lamb has ov - er - come.
gravecould hold him down.
day is draw - ing near. (to CHORUS) Worth - y is the



Lamb who was slain Glor-y be un - to His name. Worth - y



is the Lamb who was slain; glor - y be un - to His name.

The Lamb Has Overcome, Words and Music: Luke Morton, 2011, Green Lake Presbyterian Church, Seattle, WA.

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.

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



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