

Jesus and fisherman



16th Sunday of Pentecost
September 25, 2022

cover, *Christ in the Storm* by Ludolf Bakhuizen (1695)

St. Peter

Impulsive master of misunderstanding
You comfort me with all your big mistakes;
Jumping the ship before you make the landing,
Placing the bet before you know the stakes.
I love the way you step out without knowing,
The way you sometimes speak before you think,
The way your broken faith is always growing,
The way he holds you even when you sink.
Born to a world that always tried to shame you,
Your shaky ego vulnerable to shame,
I love the way that Jesus chose to name you,
Before you knew how to deserve that name.
And in the end your Saviour let you prove
That each denial is undone by love.

~ *Malcolm Guite*

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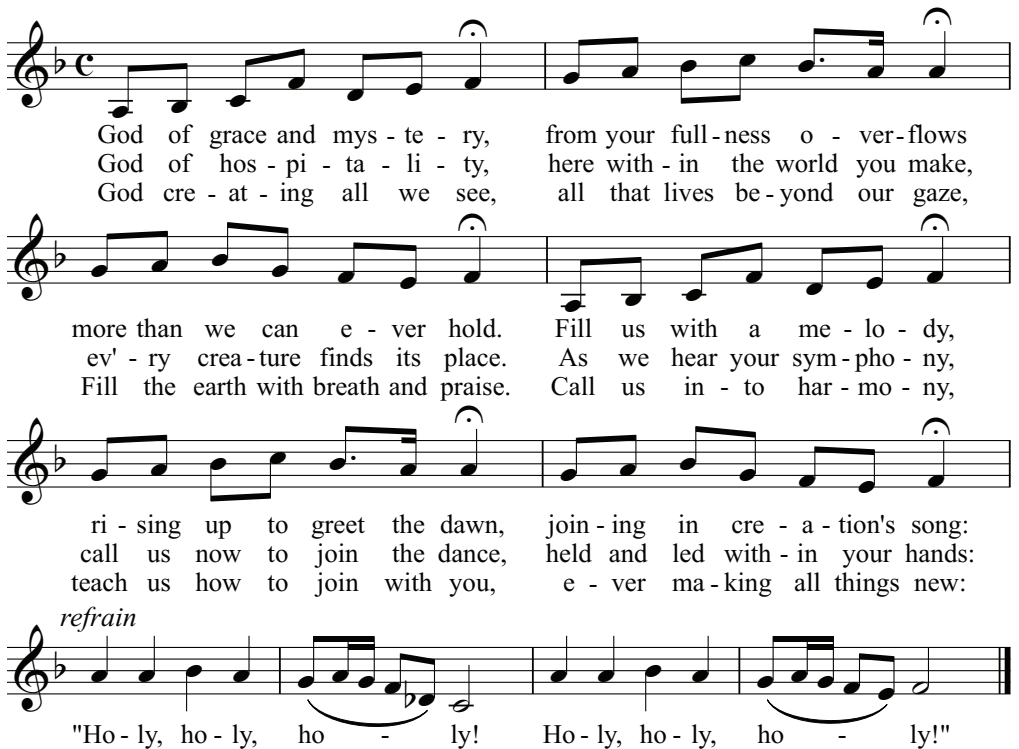
Children's programming is available on the lower level, see page 14 for details.

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.



1. Praise to the Lord the al - might-y the King of cre - a - tion.



O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion.



All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw



near. Join me in glad a - do - ra - tion.

from Psalm 63

Leader: I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Your love is better than life.

**All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.
My heart is steadfast, O God,
I will sing and make music.**



2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth.

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee;



Shel-ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth.
Sure - ly His good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee;



Hast thou not seen how thy de - si - res have
Pon - der a - new what the Al - migh - ty can

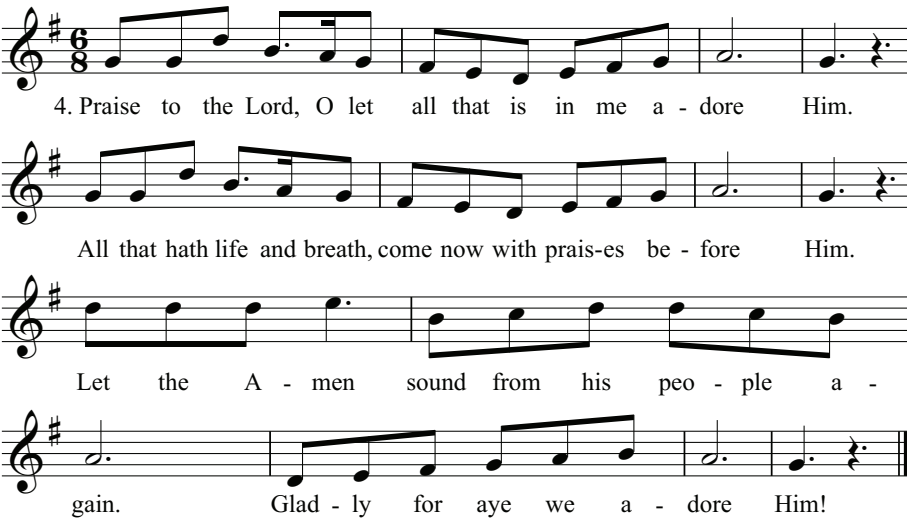


been. Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
do if with His love He be - friend thee.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

silent prayer of adoration and moment of meditation

O God and Father, almighty King of creation, as we gather here in your sanctuary we behold your power and your glory manifest in Word and Sacrament. Your love is better than life.

All: 

4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a - dore Him.

All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be - fore Him.

Let the A - men sound from his peo - ple a -

gain. Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him!

Praise to the Lord, Words: Joachim Neander, 1680. Music: Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665. arr. by Nathan Drake, Christ's Church, St. Louis.

Leader: Father, by the power of you Holy Spirit through the work of your Son,

All: Come visit us with your presence today. Amen.

Confession of Sin

from John 15

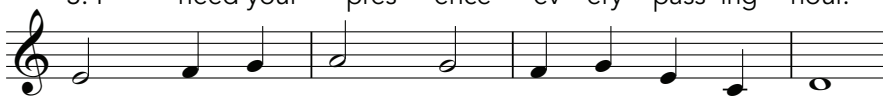
Leader: Jesus says, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me."

All: **Jesus, you have bound us to yourself in love, and we draw our life from you. Forgive us our tendency to sustain ourselves and find our meaning in anything but your grace and mercy.**

Silent time to pray and confess



1. A - bide with me: fast falls the ev - en - tide;
2. Swift to its close life ebbs out ev - ery day;
3. I need your pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour.



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way.
What but your grace can foil the tempt - er's power?



When o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
Who like your - self my guide and strength can be?



Help of the help - less, Lord, a - bide with me.
O Lord who chang - es not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.

Abide With Me, Words: Henry Lyte, 1847, Music: William Monk, 1861

Assurance of Pardon

from John 15 and Romans 8

Leader: Jesus promises, "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

All: **There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set us free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.**

4. I fear no foe with you at hand to bless,
though ills have weight, and tears their bit - ter - ness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your vic - to - ry?
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Lessons from the Word

read by Kristin and Shane O'Grady ①, Mark Hicks ②

Old Testament Lesson -

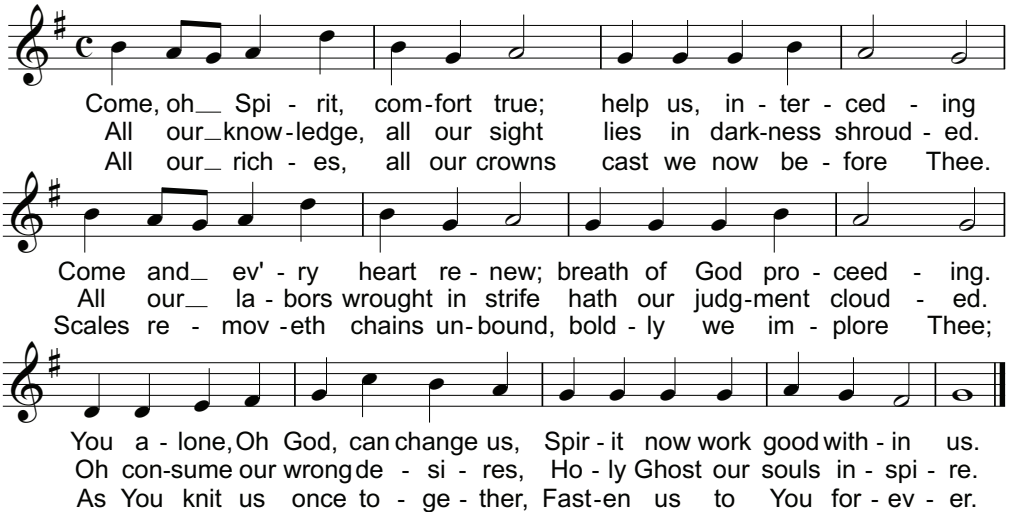
Psalm 89.1-4

New Testament Lesson -

Ephesians 2.19-22

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Come, oh Spi - rit, com-fort true; help us, in - ter - ced - ing
All our know-ledge, all our sight lies in dark-ness shroud - ed.
All our rich - es, all our crowns cast we now be - fore Thee.

Come and ev' - ry heart re - new; breath of God pro - ceed - ing.
All our la - bors wrought in strife hath our judg-ment cloud - ed.
Scales re - mov - eth chains un-bound, bold - ly we im - plore Thee;

You a - lone, Oh God, can change us, Spir - it now work good with - in us.
Oh con - sume our wrongde - si - res, Ho - ly Ghost our souls in - spi - re.
As You knit us once to - ge - ther, Fast - en us to You for - ev - er.

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

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker

You Are Peter, Matthew 16:13–20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Notes:

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.

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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: Lift up your hearts . . .

All: We lift them to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God . . .

**All: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
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 bles-sings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly 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.**



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



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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. The Lamb has ov - er - come; the Lamb has ov - er -
2. No grave could hold Him down; No grave could hold Him
3. At God's right hand is He; at God's right hand is
4. The tab - le now is spread; The tab - le now is



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
 He. Our Per-fect Plea as He lives to in - ter cede; At
 spread. This wine and bread brok-en bod-y and blood shed; The

Chorus



Lamb has ov - er - come.
 grave could hold him down.
 God's right hand is He. (to CHORUS) *Worth-y is the*
 tab - le now is spread. (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.

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.**

5. The day is draw - ing near; The day is draw - ing
near. He shall ap - pear and will wipe a - way each tear; The
Chorus
day is draw - ing near. 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 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 prayer

Led by Kara Shroyer

A prayer for our community

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

A prayer for our city

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

A prayer for our world

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

refrain

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

in community

Events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks.

Go With Joy, from Philippians 2:15-16

Leader: As we enter this week,
Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent,
children of God without blemish.

All: In the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, let us shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to Jesus Christ the word of life.

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.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) on the final three staves of the melody.

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

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 meets 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 meets 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 meets 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.

Women's Retreat: *The Abiding Presence of God Through Life's Changing Seasons*. Join women from Covenant for our annual retreat on October 15. This year, we'll have a one-day retreat from 10 am to 4 pm in Covenant's Education Building. This will be a good time for connecting with women in our church while we learn together about living life fully and fully for the Lord from Dr. Ingrid Faro. Registration is \$25. Childcare and scholarships are available. Lunch, drinks, and other refreshments will be provided throughout the day. Learn more and register online: <https://covenantchicago.org/events/womens-retreat/>.

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/>.

Boulevard Presbyterian Church: On October 30, the daughter church we planted with Lincoln Square Presbyterian Church will have an organizing service in which their own officers will be installed. You're invited to come and celebrate with our friends as they mark this significant milestone. The service begins at 7pm at 607 Harvard Street, Oak Park.

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.

Streaming Service: We're considering some changes to the Sunday service stream. If you're a regular user of the stream, we'd like to hear from you! Please email streaming@covenantchicago.org and we'll follow up with some more information.

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 16.21-28

Giving QR Code



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*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.*

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.

circle one:

New to Covenant | Regular Attender | Member

Name:

Email:

Address:

Phone:

↑ *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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