

Wings of Refuge

October 25, 2020
Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago
22nd Sunday of Pentecost

Welcome

Call to Worship, *from Job 37*

Leader: Hear this:
Stop and consider the wondrous works of God.
At this my heart trembles
and leaps out of its place.

**All: Listen to the thunder of his voice
and the rumbling that comes from his mouth.**

Leader: Under the whole heaven he lets it go,
and his lightning to the corners of the earth.

**All: God thunders wondrously with his voice;
he does great things that we cannot comprehend.**

Leader: Hear this:
Stop and consider the wondrous works of God.



O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der Con-sid-er
And when I think that God his son not spa- ring, Sent Him to
When Christ shall come with shouts of ac- cla- ma- tion And take me



all the works Thy hands have made, I see the stars
die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross,
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow



— I hear the roll- ing thun- der Thy pow'r thro'-out the u- ni- verse dis -
— my bur- dens glad- ly bear- ing, He bled and died to take a- way my
— in hum- ble ad - o- ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou



played.
sin. Then sings my soul, my Sav- ior God, to Thee; How great Thou
art.



art, How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav- ior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

3rd service only

Sacrament of Baptism

Sing to Prepare, Ocean of Mercy

All:

Come on down, child-ren of God, to the Oc - ean of
mer - cy at the foot of the cross. On the banks of the riv - er of
love, you will find your re - demp - tion, in the Sav - ior's shed blood.
Bro - ther, sis - ter, child - ren, all, hear the Sa - vior's gent - le
call, to be wash'd pure and made whole.

Note: The musical score for 'Ocean of Mercy' is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Come on down, child-ren of God, to the Ocean of mercy at the foot of the cross. On the banks of the river of love, you will find your redemption, in the Savior's shed blood. Brother, sister, children, all, hear the Savior's gentle call, to be wash'd pure and made whole.' The word 'All:' is written above the fourth staff.

Madeline Mae MacLean, daughter of Ian and Julie

Prayer of Congregational Blessing:

All: Ever-living God, in your mercy you promised to be not only our God but also the God of our children. We thank you for receiving **Madeline** by baptism. Keep her always in your love. Guide her as she grows in faith. Protect her in all the dangers and temptations of life. May she be a faithful disciple of your son Jesus Christ to her life's end. In Christ's name, Amen.

E - very moth - er, e - - very fath - er
called to raise up sons or daught - ers:
May your heart be pa - tient, may your mind be clear,
may our God be with you and calm your fea - rs.

Note: The musical score for 'Prayer of Congregational Blessing' is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Every mother, every father called to raise up sons or daughters: May your heart be patient, may your mind be clear, may our God be with you and calm your fears.' The word 'All:' is written above the first staff.

Every Mother, Every Father, Words and Music, Andy Bast and Bruce Benedict, 2017

Confession of Sin

From Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
O Lord, hear my voice!

All: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

All: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

Sing to Confess

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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

Prayer of silent confession:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon, *From Psalm 130*

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
O *People of God*, hope in the LORD!

All: **For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
And he will redeem us
from all *our* iniquities.**

Sing to Assure

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Lord, there is mer - cy now, As e - ver was, with Thee. Be - fore Thy throne of grace I bow; Be mer - ci - ful to me." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Lessons from the Word

Gospel Lesson -
New Testament Lesson -

Mark 8.1-10
Hebrews 13.1-2

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

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker
Why Have I Found Favor?, Ruth 2.8-16

Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn." Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" Then she said, "I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants."

And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her."

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.

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

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.

Sermon Devotional Emails: You can sign up to get an email two times a week to help you reflect on and pray through the prior week's sermon text and Scripture lessons. To sign up, send us an email: devotional@covenantchicago.org.

Women's Book Discussion: Covenant's Women's Event Team is hosting a book discussion on Liturgy of the Ordinary by Tish Harrison Warren. The group will meet digitally on November 5, November 19 and December 3 from 7:30 to 9 pm to discuss this book. If you'd like to join, please email women@covenantchicago.org.

Balcony Seating: Covenant is offering additional seating in the balcony for the 10 am service. Registration for balcony seating is separate from main floor seating; please only sit on the floor for which you have registered. To learn more or register, visit our registration page: <https://covenantchicago.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>.

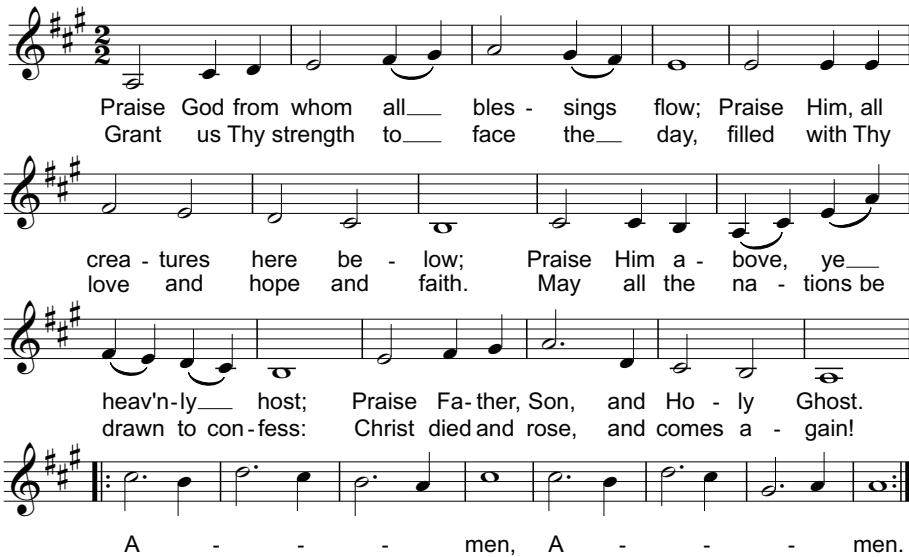
Ushers Needed: Covenant is looking for additional volunteers to serve as ushers at one of our Sunday morning services. Ushers remain in the narthex at the start and end of service to greet attendees and answer any questions they may have. If you'd be willing to serve in this way, please contact Jenny Smith (jenny.smith@yale.edu).

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. Beginning October 25, we have two rooms available for ages 1-4 and Kindergarten through 3rd grade. You can find additional requirements and details on our registration page. planningcenteronline.com/events). Questions? Contact Sherri Bredenberg (sbredenberg@covenantchicago.org).

Go With Joy



Praise God from whom all__ bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all
Grant us Thy strength to__ face the__ day, filled with Thy
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye__
love and hope and faith. May all the na - tions be
heav'n-ly__ host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
drawn to con - fess: Christ died and rose, and comes a - gain!
A - - - men, A - - - men.

Doxology, Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, Music, John Hatton, 1793, Chorus, Redeemer Knoxville, 2014

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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Diaconate

Rich Lane, Andrew Dykstra, Jonathan Ellison, Phil Koerner, Paul Leo, Joel Miller, Shane Rector, Jenny Smith, Deb Van Der Molen, Matt Ver Steeg

Treasurer: Ben Meyer

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

Covenant Life

worship | grow and learn | serve

We encourage everyone to get connected to the life of the church in these three ways:

Worship Together. We believe that humans are worshipping beings, made for communion with the Triune God, and that ordering our common worship around the Gospel on Sunday has a profound, formative effect on every part of our lives. The rhythm of Sunday worship is the rhythm of the whole Christian life and it stands counter to lots of other rhythms that clamor for our attention and allegiance in this world. Ordering ourselves together around it strengthens our appetites, imaginations and abilities to live as followers of Jesus wherever we find ourselves. Come to church on Sunday!

Grow and Learn Together. We believe that learning about our faith and growing together in it are necessary for flourishing in the Christian life. The goal of Christian learning is to form us into human beings who are fully swept up into the work God is doing in his world. Learning is more than simply knowing; it is the internalization of truth that leads to mature thinking and acting.

We'd like for everyone to take two core classes while you're here: the Covenant Life Class, an introduction to Christianity and to our church, and The Story of Scripture, which traces themes through Scripture and applies them to our everyday lives. After those classes, consider joining a more intimate Discipleship Cohort that meets with a mentor. For information about these opportunities, contact Pastor David Salsedo (dsalsedo@covenantchicago.org).

We'd like for everyone to consider joining a small group which meets together regularly to build meaningful relationships and live out the Christian life together. They're one of the most important ways of getting care and being connected at Covenant. To find out more about small groups, or to join the small group that meets at church on Wednesdays at 6.30pm, contact Pastor Dan Adamson (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

Serve Together. We believe the natural outcome of receiving and experiencing grace is to be propelled outward into mission and service. Every one of us has been given gifts to use for the good of our common life and for the good of the broken world around us. We're called to give of ourselves because we're part of the story of God's reconciliation of all things. Every week there are numerous opportunities to serve at Covenant and elsewhere listed in the order of worship. We encourage everyone to regularly use their gifts in service. To learn more about opportunities to serve, contact Pastor Dan Adamson (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).



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