

# Wings of Refuge

November 1, 2020  
Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago  
23rd Sunday of Pentecost  
All Saints Day

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

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Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

**All: Christ our savior dwells among us and is one with us.**

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

**All: and drink the water of life.**

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

**All: and be filled with good things.**

Leader: Come now, all who are weary,

**All: and find the rest of the Savior.**



1.All the poor and pow - er - less, and all the lost and lone -  
2.All the hearts who are con - tent, and all who feel un - worth



ly, All the thieves will come con - fess, and  
y, All who hurt with noth - ing left will



know that you are ho - ly, and know that you are ho - ly.  
know that you are ho - ly, will know that you are ho - ly.

*chorus*



And we will sing out: Hal - le - lu - jah. We will cry out: Hal - le - lu - jah.



We ex - alt You: Hal - le - lu - jah. We ex - alt You: Hal - le - lu - jah.

*All the Poor and Powerless, Words and Music by David Leonard and Leslie Jordan, 2011*

# Confession of Sin

from 1 John 4:18-19

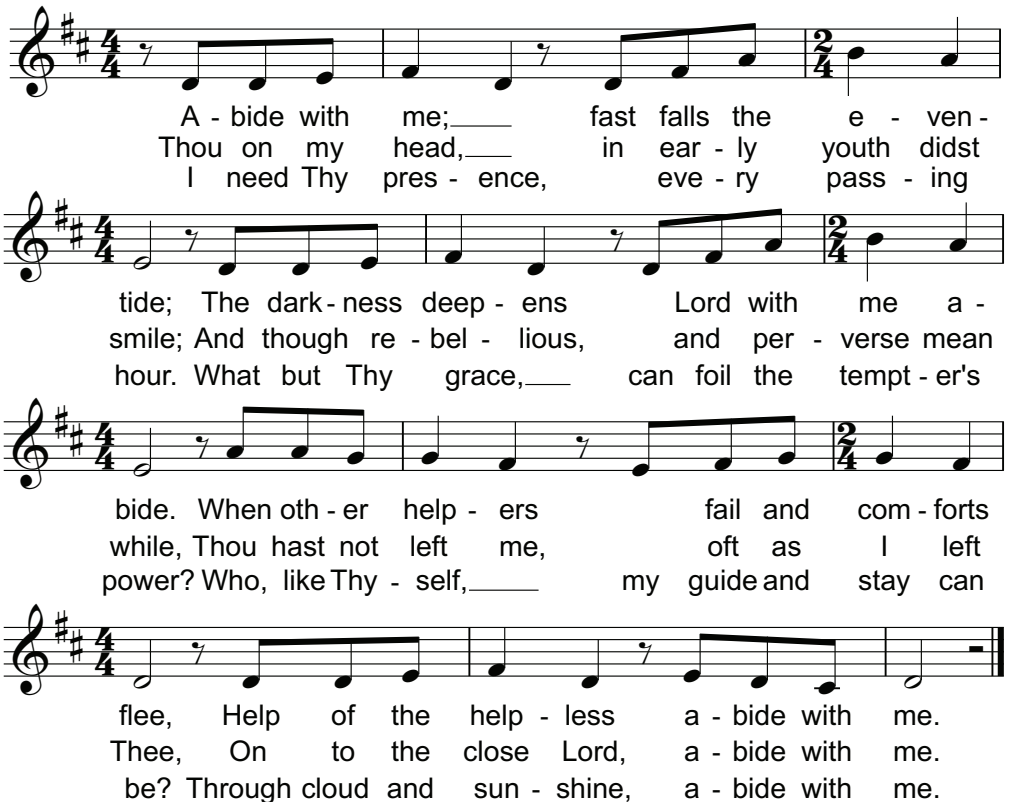
Leader: God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

**All: We love because he first loved us.**

Leader: Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

**All: The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.**

## Sing to Confess



A - bide with me; \_\_\_ fast falls the e - ven -  
Thou on my head, \_\_\_ in ear - ly youth didst  
I need Thy pres - ence, eve - ry pass - ing  
tide; The dark - ness deep - ens Lord with me a -  
smile; And though re - bel - lious, and per - verse mean  
hour. What but Thy grace, \_\_\_ can foil the tempt - er's  
bide. When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts  
while, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left  
power? Who, like Thy - self, \_\_\_ my guide and stay can  
flee, Help of the help - less a - bide with me.  
Thee, On to the close Lord, a - bide with me.  
be? Through cloud and sun - shine, a - bide with me.

*Abide With Me, Words: Henry Lyte, 1847, Music: Justin Smith, 2007*

## Silent time to pray and confess

# Assurance of Pardon

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1 John 4:13-15

Leader: By this we know that we abide in him and he in us,

**All:** because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in them, and they in God.

Sing to Assure

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness. Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory? In life, in death, Lord, abide with me." The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the fourth staff.

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## Lessons from the Word

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Gospel Lesson -

Luke 10.30-37

New Testament Lesson -

Romans 15.5-7

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### The Word

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Pastor Aaron Baker

Not Forsaken, Ruth 2.17-3.5

So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied. And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz." And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the LORD, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers." And Ruth the Moabite said, "Besides, he said to me, 'You shall keep close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.'" And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, lest in another field you be assaulted." So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do." And she replied, "All that you say I will do."

## 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: Eternal God, holy and mighty,  
it is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise,  
and to worship you in every place where your glory abides.

**All: You laid the foundation of the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.  
They will perish, but you will endure.**

Leader: You are always the same and your years will never end.  
You made us in your image and called us to be your people,

**All: but we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign.  
Still you loved us and sought us.  
In Christ your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life.**

Leader: Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with the heavenly choirs  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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.**



And we will sing out: Hal-le - lu-jah. We will cry out: Hal-le - lu-jah.



We ex-alt You: Hal-le - lu-jah. We ex-alt You: Hal-le - lu - jah.

## Distribute the Bread & Cup

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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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:women@covenantchicago.org).

**Trivia Night:** Join us for a trivia night on Friday, November 20 at 7:30 pm. You're welcome to create your own team of 4 to 8, or let Covenant assign you a team as a way to get to meet others at Covenant. Registration deadline is November 20 at noon. You can sign up here: <https://covenantchicago.org/events/trivia-night/>

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

## Prayers of the People

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*A prayer for our nation*

O God, you who are the lover of concord, we pray that we might not become needlessly anxious over the political tempests that rage across the landscape of our country but rather trust in your sovereign care, so that we might remain a peacemaker to friends and strangers alike.\*

*silent moment of prayer*

Leader: Lord in your mercy  
**All: Hear our Prayer**

*A prayer for our community*

O Lord, you who tell us to turn the other cheek, we pray that our disagreements with family, arguments with friends, and troubling encounters with strangers will bring out the best, not the worst, in us so that we might be living emblems of your gracious kingdom in a chronically graceless time.

*silent moment of prayer*

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**

\* Prayers by W. David O. Taylor, used with permission

## 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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) in the third, fourth, and fifth staves.

*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, Brad Lewis, 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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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](mailto:diaconate@covenantchicago.org).*



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