A photograph of a forest floor. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a bright, hazy atmosphere. The ground is covered in green grass and fallen branches. A large tree trunk is visible on the right side of the frame.

*do  
not be  
anxious*

In Whom We Live and Move and Have Our Being

Birds afloat in air's current,  
sacred breath? No, not breath of God,  
it seems, but God  
the air enveloping the whole  
globe of being.

It's we who breathe, in, out, in, the sacred,  
leaves astir, our wings  
rising, ruffled—but only saints  
take flight. We cower  
in cliff-crevice or edge out gingerly  
on branches close to the nest. The wind  
marks the passage of holy ones riding  
that ocean of air. Slowly their wake  
reaches us, rocks us.

But storm or still,  
numb or poised in attention,  
we inhale, exhale, inhale,  
encompassed, encompassed.

~ Denise Levertov

6th Sunday of Eastertide, May 5, 2024  
Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago

# Welcome to Covenant

Children’s programming is available during both services on the lower level, see page 14 for details. Large Print orders of worship and devices to improve hearing are available in the back of the sanctuary.

## WELCOME

Pastor Dan Admason

Prepare for worship

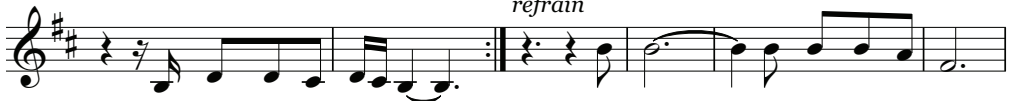
Ephesians 4:1–6

*Dear God, we gather in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as we were called to the one hope that belongs to our call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

GOD  
GATHERS  
US TO  
WORSHIP



1. There is one bo - dy, \_ there is one Spi - rit, \_ there is one hope, \_\_\_  
2. There is one Lord, \_\_\_ there is one faith, \_\_\_ there is one bap-ti-sm, \_



to which we are called. \_ One God \_\_\_ and Fa-ther of all,  
to which we are called.



one Lord \_\_\_\_\_ o - ver all, through all, in \_\_\_ all.

*Ephesians 4, music by Steve Williamson,  
Church of the Resurrection, Wheaton, 2011*

# CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Genesis 1, Isaiah 55*

Leader: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth and it was good.

**All: God said “let there be light”  
And he filled the heavens with the sun, moon, and stars,  
And he gave us days, years, and seasons and it was good.**

Leader: God said “let there be land and water”  
And he filled it with swarms of all living things big and small and it was good.

**All: And God made us in his image, in the image of God he made us,  
And it was very good.**

Leader: Let us go out with joy and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills will sing;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands. And we will all shout:

**All: O LORD, our Lord,  
You are good!**



1. Praise the Lord all praise and bless - ing. Rend - er to His migh - ty name. \_\_\_  
2. Stars a - bove in bril - liant glo - ry. Sun that scat - ters wide its good. \_\_\_



Thank Him ev - er for His good - ness. Now and ev - er mo - re the same. \_\_\_  
Birds a - loft all join the chor - us. ev - ery crea - ture young and old. \_\_\_



Now and ev - er mo re the same. \_\_\_ He cre - a - ted ear - th and hea - ven.  
ev - ery crea - ture young and old. \_\_\_ Hills and moun - tains raise their voi - ces.



Deep - est sea and all there - in. \_\_\_ Small est cre - ture high - est be - ing.  
Trees and for - ests clap their hands. \_\_\_ E - ven stones will not be si - lent.



Let your an - thems now be - gin. \_\_\_ Let your an - thems now be gin. \_\_\_  
Sing his praise through - out the lands. \_\_\_ Sing his praise through out the lands. \_\_\_

Chorus



Ev - 'ry thing that You \_\_\_ have made is beau - ti - ful.



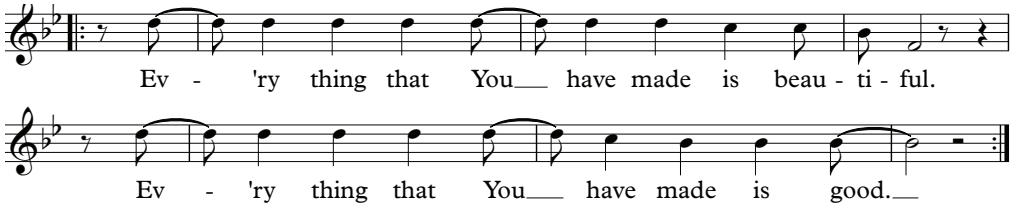
Ev - 'ry thing that You \_\_\_ have made is good. \_\_\_

## PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

Leader: Holy Father, everything that you have made is beautiful and good and we are overwhelmed with joy that you have made us in your image. We thank you and with all of creation sing of your glory.

**All: O Lord, our Lord, you are good!  
By the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus  
visit us with your presence today. Amen.**

*Silent moment of adoration*



Ev - 'ry thing that You\_\_ have made is beau - ti - ful.

Ev - 'ry thing that You\_\_ have made is good.\_\_

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 7/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. Both staves begin with a repeat sign and a 7/8 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The second staff continues with: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

*Praise the Lord All Praise and Blessing, Words and Music, Matt Scott,  
The Gathering Place Church, Moody, Alabama, 2013*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*from Philippians 4*

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

**All: Father, we struggle to control our life and those around us.  
We want freedom from our all-consuming anxiety  
so we are aggressively harsh and lack gratitude.  
Forgive us and grant us the strength to trust you and seek you in prayer.**

*Silent time of confession*

I acknowledged  
my sin to you,  
and I did not  
cover my  
iniquity; I said, "I  
will confess my  
transgressions  
to the LORD,"  
and you forgave  
the iniquity of  
my sin.  
Psalm 32:5

1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my red - ee - mer. There is no  
2. The night is dark but I am not for - sak - en For by my  
more for hea - ven now to give He is my joy, my righ - teous - ness and  
side, the Sav - iour he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and rej -  
free - dom My stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.  
oic - ing For in my need, his pow - er is dis - played  
To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus For my  
To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de - fend me Through the  
life is who - lly bound to his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can  
deep - est val - ley he will lead Oh the night has been won, and I  
sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
shal ov - er - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

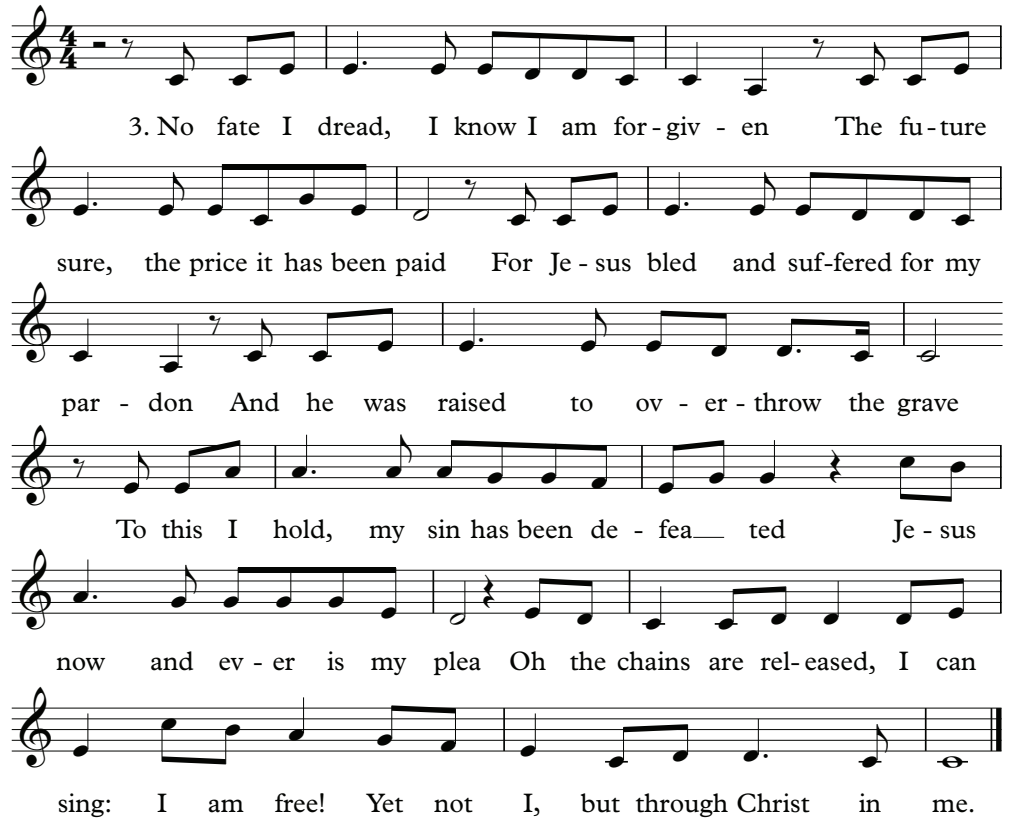
*Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me, Jonny Robinson, St. Pauls Anglican Church Castle Hill,  
New South Wales, Australia, 2018*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*from Romans 8 & John 8*

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

**All: And if Christ has set us free, we are free indeed!**



3. No fate I dread, I know I am for-giv - en The fu-ture  
sure, the price it has been paid For Je - sus bled and suf-fered for my  
par - don And he was raised to ov - er - throw the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been de - fea\_\_ ted Je - sus  
now and ev - er is my plea Oh the chains are rel-eased, I can  
sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Old Testament Lesson - Deuteronomy 6.1-5, p.151

New Testament Lesson - 1 John 2.15-17, p.1021

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOD  
SPEAKS  
TO US



Come, oh\_ Spi - rit, com-fort true; help us by Your plead - ing.  
All our\_ know-ledge, all our sight lies in dark-ness shroud - ed.



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.



You a - lone to God can win us, Spir - it now work good with - in us.  
Oh con-sume our wrong de - si - res, Ho - ly Ghost our souls in - spi - re.

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



## THE WORD

The Reverend Andrew Barber

*Do Not Be Anxious*, Luke 12:13–34, p.871

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

<sup>22</sup> And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup> For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup> “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

All our\_ rich - es, all our crowns cast we now be - fore Thee.  
Scales re - mov - eth chains un - bound, bold - ly we im - plore Thee;  
As You knit us once to - ge - ther, Fast - en us to You for - ev - er.

GOD  
COMMUNES  
WITH US

"we salute one another with a kiss. There is then brought to the priest the bread and a cup of wine mixed with water; and he taking them, gives praise and glory to the Father of the universe"

Justin Martyr,  
153 AD

## COME WITH PEACE

Leader: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to the Lord**

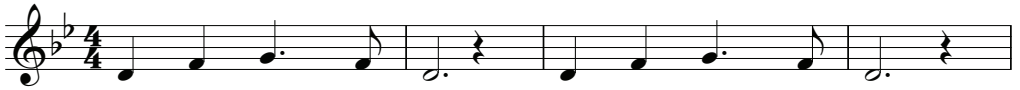
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise**

*Greet each other in the name of Christ.*

## COME WITH GENEROSITY

*We come to the Table with a generous heart and give back to God a portion of what he's already given us. Offer your resources back to God in support of the work of the church by placing your offering in the box on the back wall. You can also give online at [covenantchicago.org/give](http://covenantchicago.org/give), use the QR code on page 16, or text a donation amount to 84321.*



1. See how good it is. Ga - the - ring with friends,  
2. Sad di - vi - sions cease. We are called as priests,  
3. See the earth re - newed by the mor - ning dew.



wel - co - ming the stran - ger in, see how good it is.  
spread - ing out God's joy - ful feast. See how good it is.  
All cre - a - tion sings the truth: "See how good it is!"

*refrain*



When God's chil - dren live as one, by the Spi - rit we be - come the\_



o - pen arms of God To a world in need of love.

*See How Good It Is, from Psalm 133, by Wendell Kimbrough,  
Episcopal Church of The Incarnation, Dallas, TX;*

## COME WITH THANKSGIVING

*St. Martin-in-the-fields, Church of England, 2016*

Leader: It is a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God of glory. We thank you for giving back to us what we have offered you. Accept these offerings of bread, wine and gifts to you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to the work of your kingdom.

**All: God of wonder and love, we thank and praise you because we and all creation were your debtors; your Son Jesus Christ forgave our debts at the price of his own blood and showed us what your grace could do.**

Leader: When your people cried out for healing balm, you restored their soul, sending your only Son to be the steward who turned justice into mercy and in spite of our failure made us welcome in your eternal home as your companions forever.

**All: He transforms us from resentful antagonists and anxious sinners into joyful friends, and in his glorious resurrection opens the way to life with you.**

Leader: And so with angels and archangels and the company of heaven, we join the everlasting song of praise:

**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*

When God's chil-dren live as one, by the Spi-rit we be-come the\_

o - pen arms of God To a world in need of love.

## COME TO THE TABLE

Please note that we serve both red wine and white grape juice. Gluten free bread is available in a separate dish.

### 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.

### 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.

## Song for Communion

*You are welcome to join in song:*



1. Like a ri-ver glor-ious is God's per-fect peace, o-ver all vic-to-rious  
2. Hid-den in the hol-low of His bles-sed hand, ne-ver foe can fol-low,  
3. Ev'-ry joy or tri-al fal-leth from a-bove, traced up-on our di-al



in its bright in-crease; per-fect, yet it flow-eth ful-ler ev'-ry  
ne-ver trai-tor stand; not a surge of wor-ry, not a shade of  
by the Sun of Love; we may trust Him ful-ly all for us to



day; per-fect, yet it grow-eth dee-per all the way.  
care, not a blast of hur-ry touch the spi-rit there.  
do; they who trust Him whol-ly find Him whol-ly true.

*Refrain*



Stayed up-on Je-ho-vah, hearts are ful-ly blest;



fin-ding, as He pro-mised, per-fect peace and rest.

*Like a River Glorious, Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1874; Music: James Mountain, 1876*

## 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.**



4. With eve - ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus For he had  
said that he will bring me home And day by day I know he will re -  
new me Un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus All the  
glo - ry ev - er - more to him When the race is com plete, still my  
lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

## IN PRAYER

led by Christie Kay

*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**

GOD  
SENDS  
US



Our Fa-ther, who in hea-ven be, All hal-low-ed praise we sing to  
Give us th-is day our dai-ly bread. For give our\_\_ debt-ors and our  
All praise to\_\_ Thee, the God of Light; All Praise to\_\_ Christ, the glo-rious



Thee. And as we\_\_ hail your king - dom come, We  
debt. And from temp - ta - tion lead the way. Guard  
Son; And to the\_\_ Sp - rit, Lord of might, Now,



al - so\_\_ pray your will be done. Your will be  
us from\_\_ ev - il till the day, Your king - dom  
and e - ter - nal a - ges run. All praise to



done Your will be done, Your will be done, Your will be done.  
come, Your king-dom come, Your king-dom come, Your king-dom come.  
Thee, All praise to Thee, All praise to Thee, All praise to Thee.

*The Lord's Prayer, Music, Paul van der Bijl, 2012,  
based on the Lord's Prayer, verse 3 based on a Latin hymn*

## IN COMMUNITY

Pastor Dan Adamson

Announcements, events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks

## WITH JOY

*from 1 Peter 3:18*

Leader: As we enter this week,

May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**All: To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.**

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 2/2 time. It consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a 2/2 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all\_\_ bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all Grant us Thy strength to\_\_ face the\_\_ day, filled with Thy'. The second line continues the melody: 'crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye\_\_ love and hope and faith. May all the na - tions be'. The third line: 'heav'n-ly\_\_ host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. drawn to con-fess: Christ died and rose, and comes a - gain!'. The fourth line is the chorus: 'A - - - men, A - - - men.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Praise God from whom all\_\_ bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all  
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A - - - men, A - - - men.

*Doxology, Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, v2 by vdBijl, 2018;  
Music, John Hatton, 1793, Chorus, Redeemer Knoxville, 2014*

## WITH BLESSING

*The Reverend Andrew Barber*



## 1st Service, 9:00am

## 2nd service, 11:15am

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level
- Children's Worship: preK-5th Grade, lower level
- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level

## Common Ground, 10:15am

- Coffee and snacks in the Fellowship Hall and classrooms
- Nursery: Ages 0-4 (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: PreK-8th Grade (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: High School (Youth Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: From Gospel to Apocalypse (Fellowship Hall, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: In the Company of Jesus (Conference Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Covenant Life Class (All Saints Room, Lower Level)

**Volunteers in Service Today:**

Communion Servers: Hyunseob Kim, Linda Gehrs <sup>(9:00)</sup>; Lynda Adamson, Matthew Siefert, Phil Koerner <sup>(11:15)</sup>

Ushers: Mark Scheerhorn, Ryan Von Drehle <sup>(9:00)</sup>; Rich Van der Molen <sup>(11:15)</sup>

Musicians: Paul van der Bijl, guitar, vocals; Mike Middleton, bass; Drew Goodwin, viola; Adriane Fink, piano; Iva Riggs, vocals; Jim Wilkes, mandolin; Paul David Young, sound technician.

**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.**

**COMMON GROUND CLASSES**

**From Gospel to Apocalypse:** In this series, primarily taught by Olivia Stewart Lester (Associate Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, Loyola University), we'll look at the full New Testament canon and see how these texts relate to the broader story of Scripture. We'll also spend time each week in specific passages to help us better understand these books of Scripture. Today, Olivia will teach on the Pauline epistles. Class meets in the Fellowship Hall.

**In the Company of Jesus:** Throughout the Gospels, Jesus teaches and cares for his disciples in unique ways. What can we learn from the way Jesus cares for those who are closest to him and what can it tell us about how he speaks to us? Join us in the Conference Room this week as Isak Siemens teaches on when Jesus foretells his death.

**Covenant Life Class:** Join us for our Covenant Life Class taught by the staff. This 6 week class is for those who are interested in learning more about the church and the things we care about most, starting with the gospel. This class is a requirement for those who wish to become members. Class will meet in the All Saints Room. For more information, contact Pastor Dan ([dadamson@covenantchicago.org](mailto:dadamson@covenantchicago.org)).

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**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. If you'd be interested in learning more about small groups, please contact Pastor Dan. ([dadamson@covenantchicago.org](mailto:dadamson@covenantchicago.org)).

**Wednesday Morning Women’s Group:** Join women from Covenant in the All Saints Room at Covenant from 9 to 11 am each Wednesday for a small group. You’re welcome to join whether you’re able to come weekly or occasionally. Childcare is available. Contact Devon Spencer (devonspencer1112@gmail.com) with questions about this group.

**Dinners Together:** Covenant is planning to host small potluck dinners for 8-12 guests at homes throughout the city on May 11 and 18. If you’d like to join a dinner, please contact Pastor Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org) to learn more. You can also sign up on one of the flyers at the Welcome Table.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**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 Lynda Adamson (ladamson@covenantchicago.org).

**Serve Breakfast at Breakthrough:** On the fourth Saturday of every month, Covenant provides breakfast for the Breakthrough women’s shelter. If you are interested in volunteering to help purchase, prepare and serve food to shelter guests, you can reach out to breakthrough@covenantchicago.org for more information or sign up for upcoming dates on our website: <https://covenantchicago.org/events/breakfast-at-breakthrough/>.

**Gospel Justice Center Volunteers:** Covenant hosts a legal aid clinic on the second Saturday of every month and we’re aiming to grow to serve more clients. In order to do that, we’re looking for volunteers to serve in some of the non-legal roles. We could use one more volunteer to help on Saturday mornings to greet guests and support them as well as someone to take on some design work both for a social media account and a print brochure to help clients find our clinic. If you’d be interested in helping in either of those roles, please contact Linda Gehrs (lmgehrs@gmail.com). Most volunteers serve once every other month.

## NEWS AND UPDATES

**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.

**Do you know about the Deacons Fund?** If you are experiencing any kind of personal or financial hardship and would like some help, please contact our deacons (deacons@covenantchicago.org). Your email will go directly to the deacons, and they’ll treat it with confidentiality. If you’re able, now is a great time to contribute to the Deacons Fund to meet the needs of others in our congregation. You may contribute to the Deacons Fund by writing “Deacons Fund” in the memo of a check or by selecting the Deacons Fund option on Covenant’s giving site.

**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/](http://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](mailto: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 Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

**Sermon Text Next Week: Acts 1:1-11**



Giving QR code

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## DIACONATE

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

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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:

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### **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.



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