

A large flock of birds is seen flying across a sky filled with soft, golden, glowing clouds. The birds are silhouetted against the bright, warm light of the clouds, creating a sense of movement and ascent. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and uplifting.

*Ascension*  
*Sunday*

## Ascension

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory  
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place  
As earth became a part of Heaven's story  
And heaven opened to his human face.  
We saw him go and yet we were not parted  
He took us with him to the heart of things  
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted  
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,  
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,  
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,  
Whilst we our selves become his clouds of witness  
And sing the waning darkness into light,  
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,  
Which all creation waits to see revealed.

~ Malcolm Guite

7th Sunday of Eastertide, Ascension Sunday, May 12, 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

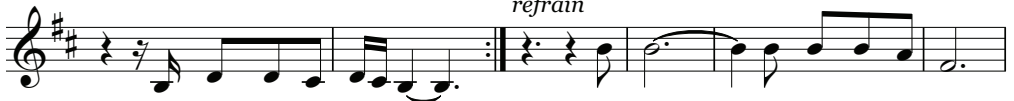
Ephesians 4:1-6

*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*

## ASCENSION CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Revelation 5:12-13*

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

**All: Then every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, sang:**



Wor - thy is the\_ Lamb who was slain; Ho - ly, ho - ly is He;\_  
Fall be - fore the\_ throne of glo - ry;\_ gaze upon the crys - tal sea.\_  
Clothed in po - wer, might and splen - dour, th'Bride - groom calls us to the feast,



Sing a new song to him who sits on\_ Heav - en's mer - cy seat.\_  
Join the my - riad saints and an - gels sing through all eter - ni - ty  
of ho - ly man - na\_ and li - ving wa - ter\_ our'con - suma - tion now com - plete.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the\_ Lord God\_ Al - might - y



Who was\_ and is\_ and is\_ to come;\_ With all cre - a - tion I sing



praise to the King of Kings; You are my ev - ry - thing and I will a - dore You.\_

*Revelation Song, Words and Music: Jennie Lee Riddle, 2004. verse 2-3 by vdBijl, 2010*

Leader: To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

**All: Jesus ascended in triumph to his heavenly throne.  
There he hears our prayers, pleads our cause before the Father,  
and rules the world.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.  
Come let us worship and bow down.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y  
 Who was and is and is to come; With all cre - a - tion I sing  
 praise to the King of Kings; You are my ev - ry - thing and I will a - dore You.

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

Leader: Holy Father, thank you for the ascension of your Son, Jesus Christ, and that he is present with us now, ruling in peace and justice through your Holy Spirit.

**All: In the majesty of your reigning Son, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, visit us with your presence today. Amen**

*Silent moment of adoration*

*Choral: Lo! The incarnate God, ascended,  
 Pleads the merit of his blood;  
 Venture on him, venture wholly,  
 Let no other trust intrude:  
 None but Jesus,  
 None but Jesus,  
 None but Jesus  
 Can do helpless sinners good.*

*Lo! The incarnate God, ascended,  
 Enters now the heavenly realms,  
 Angels singing, "Alleluia"  
 As they receive their Lord and King  
 Maranatha, maranatha,  
 Maranatha, maranatha!  
 We on earth still sing:  
 Come, O come Lord Jesus, come.*

*Covenant Choir, God Ascended, words, Joseph Hart, 1759; music, Sarah Majorins, 2012*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

from John 6:35-51

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

**All: Jesus, you are the life of the world.  
Forgive us our tendency to sustain ourselves and find our meaning  
in anything but you and your grace and mercy.**

*Silent time of confession*

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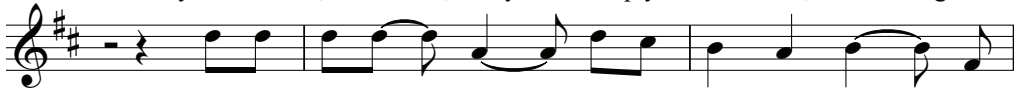
Confess your  
sins to one  
another and  
pray for one  
another, that  
you may be  
healed. James  
5:16



1. God in hea-ven, high and ho - ly, mea - sure of all good and  
2. Sin - ners here so poor and nee - dy, who would come and clear the  
3. Jus - tice sa - tis - fied at Cal' - vry; sin there si - lenced by His



beau - ty, who can stand be - fore the fire of ho - li - ness?  
guil - ty? If you num - bered all our sins, Lord, who could stand?  
mer - cy. Where, O death, is your re - ply to Christ, our King?



In my place He\_ stood, all my debt nailed to\_ the



wood.\_ All my stains washed white by the blood of Christ,\_ my life.

*In My Place, Words and Music by Matt Damico, Kenwood Baptist Church, Louisville, KY, 2019*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*adap. from John 6:54-69*

Leader: Jesus says to us, "I have ascended to where I was before and the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. Whoever finds their sustenance in me has eternal life and I will raise them up on the last day."

**All: Lord, you have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God. We find our life in you.**

4. Saints, for - gi - ven, sing to Je - sus; bow be - fore the lamb slain  
for us. Hal - le - lu - jah to the Sa - vior ev - er more!  
In my place He\_\_ stood, all my debt nailed to\_\_ the  
wood.\_\_\_ All my stains washed white by the blood of Christ,\_\_ my life.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "4. Saints, for - gi - ven, sing to Je - sus; bow be - fore the lamb slain". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "for us. Hal - le - lu - jah to the Sa - vior ev - er more!". The third staff has a rest for the first measure, followed by the lyrics: "In my place He\_\_ stood, all my debt nailed to\_\_ the". The fourth staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics: "wood.\_\_\_ All my stains washed white by the blood of Christ,\_\_ my life." The score ends with a double bar line.

## LESSONS FROM THE WORD

read by Christy & Craig Horbinski ①, Taylor Nesse ②

Old Testament Lesson - Daniel 7:13-14, p.745

Gospel Lesson - John 16:5-11, p.902

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Choral: Maranatha, maranatha,  
Maranatha, maranatha!  
We on earth still sing:  
Come, O come Lord Jesus, come.  
Covenant Choir*

GOD  
SPEAKS  
TO US



*He Was Lifted Up*, Acts 1:1–11, p.909

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

1. I know that my Re - dee - mer lives; He lives, who once was  
 2. He lives, tri - um - phant o'er the grave, At God's right hand on  
 3. He lives, that I may al - so live, And now His grace pro  
 4. Let strains of hea - venly mu - sic rise, While all their an - thems

dead. To me in grief He com-fort gives; With peace He crowns my head.  
 high, My ran - somed soul to keep and save, To bless and glo - ri - fy  
 claim. He lives, that I may ho - nor give To His most ho - ly name.  
 sing. To Christ, my pre - cious Sac - ri - fice, and ev - er - liv - ing King.

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*, words, Charles Wesley, ca 1700s; music arr. from Handel's *Messiah*, 1741

GOD  
COMMUNES  
WITH US

God is the  
host of this  
family meal.  
We come to his  
table unified in  
peace and offer  
a communal  
prayer of deep  
gratitude for  
all that He has  
done through  
his Son.

## 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.*

**All Sing:**

**To Him who is able  
To keep you from falling  
To Him to Him to Him  
To Him to Him to Him**

**We are standing in His presence  
With our garments clean and white  
All glory honor power majesty to Jesus Christ**

*Jude 23-24, by Sandra McCracken, 2016, Westside Anglican Fellowship, Nashville, TN.*

## 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: Glorious God, in Moses, the prophets, and the psalms you showed your purpose for your people and your love for your world.**

Leader: In Jesus you fulfilled your promises and opened to us your heart. In his passion and death we saw the consequences of our rejection and the depth of your yearning.

**All: Yet you raised Jesus from the tomb. In his resurrection you invite us into the company of your eternal joy, and in his ascension on high you seal as complete his work among us.**

Leader: So with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we praise you forever, singing:

**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.**

4. Let strains of hea - venly mu - sic rise, While all their an - thems  
sing. To Christ, my pre - cious Sac - ri - fice, and ev - er - liv - ing King.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "4. Let strains of hea - venly mu - sic rise, While all their an - thems sing. To Christ, my pre - cious Sac - ri - fice, and ev - er - liv - ing King." The score is written in a simple, clear style with standard musical notation.

## 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:*

A - midst us our Be - lov - ed stands. And bids us  
What food lux - ur - ious loads the board when at his  
If now, with eyes de - filed and dim, we see the  
Thou glo - rious bride - groom of our hearts, Thy pre - sent

view his pier - ced hands; Look to the wound - ed feet and  
ta - ble sits the Lord! The wine how rich the bread how  
signs but see not Him; Oh, may His love the scales dis -  
smile Thy grace im - parts! Oh, lift the veil, if veil there

side, Blest em - blems of the cru - ci - fied.  
sweet, When Je - sus calls the gue - sts to meet.  
place, And bid us see him fa - ce to face.  
be, Let e - very saint Thy glo - ry see.

The Lord of life this ta - ble made. With his own flesh and dy - ing blood.

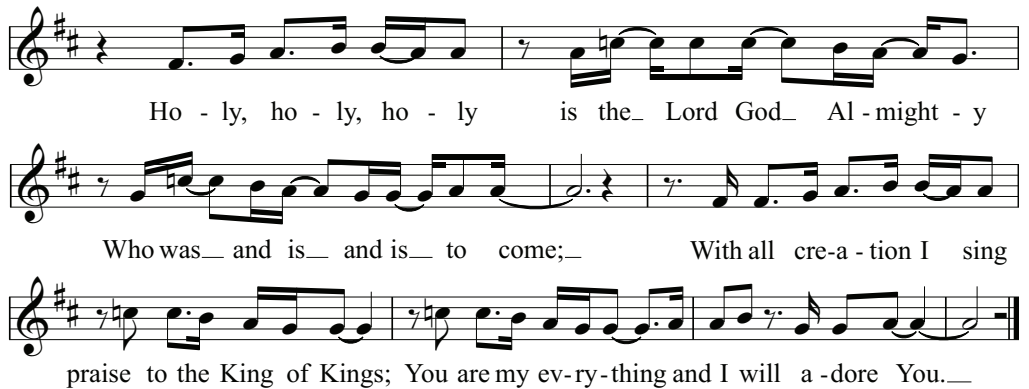
— We of such rich pro - vi - sions take. — We eat and drink and bless our God.

*Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands, Words Charles Spurgeon and Isaac Watts, 1866;  
Music, vanderBijl, 2010*

## 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.**



The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff starts with a quarter rest, followed by eighth and quarter notes. The third staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by eighth and quarter notes, ending with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the\_ Lord God\_ Al - might - y  
Who was\_ and is\_ and is\_ to come;\_ With all cre-a - tion I sing  
praise to the King of Kings; You are my ev-ry-thing and I will a -dore You.\_

Announcements, events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks

WITH BELIEF

Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**All: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head.**

Leader: How does Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross benefit us?

**All: Through Christ's death our old nature is crucified, put to death, and buried with Him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer reign in us, but that we may offer ourselves to Him as a sacrifice of thankfulness.**

Leader: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**All: First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He could make us share in the righteousness which He had obtained for us by His death.**

**Second, by His power we too are raised up to a new life.**

**Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.**

Leader: How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us?

**All: First, he is our Advocate in heaven before his Father.**

**Second, since Jesus, in His flesh and blood, is in heaven, this is a guarantee for us, His members, that we too will be taken up in our flesh and blood to join Him.**

**Third, he sends us his Spirit as a guarantee by whose power we seek those things which are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God, and not things on earth.**

GOD  
SENDS  
US

## WITH JOY



1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Still for us he in - ter - cedes; Al - le - lu - ia!  
5 There we shall with you re - main, Al - le - lu - ia!



to his throne veil'd from our eyes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates. Al - le - lu - ia!  
See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!  
his a - ton - ing death he pleads, Al - le - lu - ia!  
part-ners of your end - less reign, Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
He has con- quered death and sin; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Hark! his gra - cious li - ps be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
near him - self pre - pares our place, Al - le - lu - ia!  
see you with un - cloud - ed view, Al - le - lu - ia!



en - ters now the high - est heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!  
take the King of glo - ry in. Al - le - lu - ia!  
bles - sings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
he the first - fruits of our race. Al - le - lu - ia!  
find our heaven of heavens in you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Hail the Day, Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Welsh hymn melody, 1837*

## WITH BLESSING

*Pastor Dan Adamson*



## 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: Alyssa and Brent Blankenship, Jenna Hammond <sup>(9:00)</sup>; Christie Kay, Karyn Herndon, Shawn Bandel <sup>(11:15)</sup>

Welcome Table: Peggy Adamson <sup>(9:00)</sup>

Musicians: Paul van der Bijl, guitar, vocals; Paul Kamp, bass; Adèle-Marie Buis, oboe; Adriane Fink, piano; Erica Norman, vocals; Paul David Young, electric guitar, keys, vocals; Danny Medina, 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 Patrick and Jenny Nicole Fisher teach on the disciples' bids for power.

**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](mailto:devonspencer1112@gmail.com)) with questions about this group.

## 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](mailto:ladamson@covenantchicago.org)).

**Common Ground Volunteers:** Covenant is looking for additional volunteers to help with coffee and snacks for Common Ground. Volunteers help with either setup (during the 9:00 am service) or clean up (during the 11:15 service), as well as helping during Common Ground to replenish coffee as needed. Most volunteers serve once a month. If you'd be interested, please contact Larissa Bossemeyer ([lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org](mailto:lbossemeyer@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](mailto: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](mailto:lmgehrs@gmail.com)). Most volunteers serve once every other month.

## NEWS AND UPDATES

**One Service Sundays:** Mark your calendar for our one service Sundays this summer at 10:15. On May 26, June 30, July 7, August 25 and September 1, we'll have one service at 10:15. There will be no Common Ground on these weeks. On June 30 and August 25, we'll have a cookout after the service.

**Parents of Diverse Learners.** If you have a child with a disability taking part in our children's ministry, we would like to try and find ways to meet your child's unique needs. One of our deacons, Kylene Young, has years of experience as a special education teacher and can work with you and our volunteers to tailor a plan. If you're interested in learning more, contact Ian ([ian@covenantchicago.org](mailto:ian@covenantchicago.org)) or Kylene ([Kyleneyoung@gmail.com](mailto:Kyleneyoung@gmail.com)).

**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](mailto: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.



**Sermon Text Next Week: Acts 2:1-13**

Giving QR code

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## 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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