



2nd Sunday of
Pentecost
June 4
2023

*He who cannot forgive another,
breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself.*

~ George Herbert

cover by Leilani Pierson

Children's programming is available during both services on the lower level, see page 15 for details.

Large Print orders of worship and *devices to improve hearing* are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Welcome

Silent moment to prepare for worship

Green for the Season of Pentecost

Green represents growth, bountifulness, hope, and the victory of life over death in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy name__ to sing,
Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword,
Help us to praise: Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
Our prayer at -tend: Come and Thy pe - ople bless, And give Thy
to - ri - ous, Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess: Spir - it of ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.

Come, Thou Almighty King, words: 18th Century. music: Felice de Gardini, 1769.

Call to Worship

The Venite, Psalm 95

Leader: Come let us sing to the Lord;
All: let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
All: and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,
All: and a great King above all gods.

Leader: In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
All: and the heights of the hills are his also.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it,
All: and his hands have molded the dry land.

1. Now with joy - ful ex - ul - ta - tion let us sing to God our
2. For how great a God, and glo - rious, is the Lord of whom we
praise; to the Rock of our sal - va - tion loud ho - san - nas let us
sing; o - ver i - dol gods vic - to - rious, great is he, our God and
raise. Thank - ful trib - ute glad - ly bring - ing, let us
King. In his hand are earth's deep plac - es, al - so
come be - fore him now, and, with psalms his prais - es
his are all the hills; his the sea whose bounds he
sing - ing, joy - ful in his pres - ence bow.
trac - es, his the land his boun - ty fills.

Psalm 95, Words: Psalter, 1912; Music, arr. from Gregorian Chant by Lowell Mason, 1839

Leader: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
All: **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**



To the Lord, such might re - veal - ing, let us come with rev - erence
meet, and, be - fore our Mak - er kneel - ing, let us wor - ship at his
feet. He is our own God who leads us, we the
peo - ple of his care; with a shep - herd's hand he
feeds us as his flock in pas - tures fair.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: O God, we kneel before you with prayers of praise and adoration. You are a great God,
and a great King above all gods. Meet us here as we gather.

silent moment of meditation and adoration

All:



Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear,
In this glad hour: Thou who al - might - y art, Now rule in
ev - ery heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.

Leader: Come Holy Spirit
All: **and visit us with your presence today. Amen.**

Confession of Sin,

from Ephesians 4

Leader: *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

All: Loving God, forgive us the hardhearted bitterness we harbor against others, our self-righteous wrath, and the grudges we hold close. In your mercy, help us to be kind and to forgive others as you have forgiven us.



1. "For - give our sins _____ as we for - give," _____ you taught us
2. How can your par - don reach and bless _____ the un - for -
3. In blaz - ing light _____ your cross re - veals _____ the truth we
4. Lord, cleanse the depths _____ with - in our souls, _____ and make re -



Lord, _____ to pray; _____ But you a - lone _____ can give us
giv - ing heart _____ that clings to wrongs _____ and will not
dim - ly know; _____ How small the debts _____ men owe to
sent - ment cease; _____ Then, rec - on - ciled _____ to God and



grace _____ to live _____ the words _____ we say.
let _____ old bit - ter - ness _____ de - part?
us; _____ how great _____ our debt _____ to you.
man _____ our lives _____ will spread _____ your peace.

Refrain



For by your cross, _____ O Christ we live, _____ for-give our



sins, _____ as we for - give; _____ For-give our sins, _____ as we for - give.

Forgive Our Sins, Words, Rosamond Herklots, 1969; Music and Refrain by Paul van der Bijl, 2023

Silent time to pray and confess

Assurance of Pardon

from Ephesians 1

Leader: *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.*

Sing to Assure

All: *Refrain*

For by your cross, O Christ we live, for-give our
sins, as we for-give; For-give our sins, as we for-give.

Lessons from the Word

read by Kara Shroyer ①, Taylor Nesse ②

Old Testament Lesson -
New Testament Lesson -

Psalms 103:8-14, p.502
Ephesians 4:25-32, p.978

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

4. To Thee, great One_ in Three, E - ter - nal prais - es be,
Hence, ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty May we in
glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore!

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker

As We Forgive, Matthew 18:21–35, p.823

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**All: 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

For by your cross, O Christ we live, for-give our
sins, as we for- give; For-give our sins, as we for- give.

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
And also with you.

All: Lift up your hearts

Leader: **We lift them to the Lord.**

All: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

Leader: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

All:

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.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.

All: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

Leader: In the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

All: By the baptism of his suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension you gave birth to your Church, and delivered us from slavery to sin and death. Once we were no people, but now we are your people.

Leader: So we join our voices with all the saints, angels and the whole creation to proclaim:

**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.**

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Trinity Song. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values and rests. Both staves end with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Ho - ly_ Fath er, Son, and Spi-rit. Ho - ly Com-mu-nion, Three in One.

Come with Your peace, with Your in-vi-ta-tion. Bind us to-ge-ther in ho-ly_ love.

Trinity Song, by Sandra McCracken, Westside Anglican Fellowship, Nashville, TN, 2016

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. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord_ God Al - migh - ty.
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee;
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! tho' the dark-ness hide Thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord_ God Al - migh - ty!

Ear - ly in the mor - ning our song shall rise to Thee;
Cas - ting down their gol - den crowns a - round the glas - sy sea;
Tho' the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!
Che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fal - ling down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly' there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!

God in three Per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!
Who wert, and art, and e - ver - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!

Holy, Holy, Holy, Words: Reginald Heber, 1826; Music: John B. Dykes, 1861

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. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord_ God Al - migh - ty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!

God in three Per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord_ God Al - migh - ty!". The second staff continues: "All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;". The third staff continues: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!". The fourth staff concludes: "God in three Per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!". The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

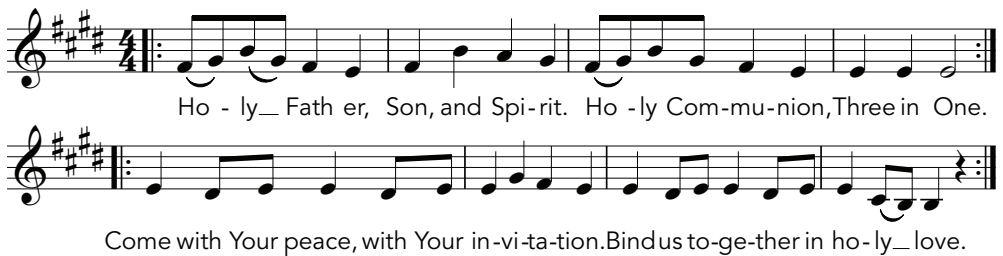
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In Receiving New Members

David & Leslie Lucas, Greg & Laura Schmitt, Jake & Hazael Madalinski, Sam Novak, Stephen Ruhl, Cassidy Miller, Jackson Atrops

Prayer of Congregational Blessing:

All: Our Father in heaven, we thank you for Jesus Christ, for the new life given in him, and for the one faith, one hope, and one baptism that your people have shared through the ages. We rejoice that your children here are now one with your church and that we may receive them as members of this congregation. Guide them in the way of Christ and sustain us all in the fellowship and service of our Lord. Amen.



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in community

Events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks.

Go With Joy

All:

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 2/2 time signature. The first three staves each have a 3/2 time signature, and the last two staves have a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 corresponding to the first three staves. The lyrics are: 1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; 2. Those he saves are his de-light, Christ will hold me fast; 3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; When the temp-ter would pre-vail, He will hold me fast. Pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast. Jus-tice has been sa-tis-fied; He will hold me fast. I could ne-ver keep my hold Through life's fear-ful path; He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom-is-es shall last; Raised with him to end-less life, He will hold me fast. For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me fast. Bought by him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. 'Til our faith is turned to sight, When he comes at last! He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Sa-vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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He Will Hold Me Fast, Words: Ada R. Habershon, 1906; Music and add. words, Matt Merker, Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Washington, DC, 2013

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

- Nursery: Ages 0-4 (Lower Level)
- Family Class: Into the Wardrobe (Fellowship Hall, Ed Building)
- Visiting Missionaries (Library, Ed Building)
- **Coffee and snacks available in both classrooms and in the courtyard**

Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Alyssa and Brent Blankenship (9:00); Shawn Bandel, Christie Kay, Larissa Bossemeyer (11:15)

Ushers: Jon Skinner (9:00)

Musicians: Cassidy Miller, vocals; Adriane Fink, piano, vocals; Paul van der Bijl, guitar, vocals; Liam van der Bijl, sound tech.

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.

One Service Sundays: We'll have one service at 10:15 am on June 25, July 2, August 27 and September 3. There will be no Common Ground on these days. Childcare will be available during service for children birth through 5th grade. Plan to join us for an all-church cookout after service on June 25 and August 27.



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/>.

June Common Ground: This month, Covenant will have two Common Ground classes in the Education Building for children and adults. You can read below about our family-oriented class on *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* which will meet in the Fellowship Hall, and we'll also offer three one-week classes in the Library. Coffee and snacks will be available in the courtyard, weather permitting. A nursery for children 0-4 will be available but the combined classes in the Education Building will replace our normal children and youth Sunday School classes.

Into the Wardrobe. In each week of this family friendly class, we'll read an excerpt from *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, and discuss the ways that C.S. Lewis tucks the gospel story into his fanciful book full of good, evil and a never-ending winter. Kids and adults are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for this discussion-based class starting today at 10:15.

Visiting Missionaries: Today, we're joined by Covenant missionaries who will share about their work with a people group in West Asia. Join us during Common Ground at 10:15 in the Library.

Prayer Walk. Join us for a prayer walk on June 11 during Common Ground. We'll gather in the Library to learn about the practice of prayer walks, led by Rachel Allmen, before heading out to pray for our neighborhood.

Summer Dinners Together: Join others from Covenant for potluck gatherings throughout the city this summer. On July 8 and 29, Covenant is organizing backyard dinners for groups of 12-20 throughout the city. If you'd be interested in attending or hosting one of these get-togethers, please fill out the form on the Welcome Table, on our website (<https://covenantchicago.org/events/dinner-together/>) or email Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org).

June 25 Cookout: Join us for an all-church cookout on June 25. That day, we'll have one service at 10:15 followed by a cookout in the grassy lot. We need many volunteers to make the day a success. If you'd be willing to help set up tables in the grassy lot, help with food prep, or to help clean up after the cookout, please contact Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org).

Musicians Needed: If are interested in being a part of the worship team on Sunday mornings, please contact Paul van der Bijl at pvanderbijl@covenantchicago.org

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: James 1:12-18

Giving QR Code



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Please direct correspondence for the Session to session@covenantchicago.org.

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Treasurer: Ben Harvey

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.

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New to Covenant | Regular Attender | Member

Name:

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Address:

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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:

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

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