



3rd Sunday of
Pentecost
June 11
2023

*I do nothing, I give you
nothing. Yet you hold me*

*minute by minute
from falling.
Lord, You provide.*

~ Denise Levertov

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.

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

Welcome

Silent moment to prepare for worship

By your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

Choral: *Jesus stand among us, in your risen power;
let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.*

All:

The musical score is written for a choir in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "1. Je - sus, stand a - mong us in your ri - sen power; 2. Breathe the Ho - ly Spi - rit in - to e - very heart;". The bass line begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The second system also has two staves: a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "let this time of wor - ship be a hal - lowed hour. bid the fears and sor - rows from each soul de - part." The bass line continues with the same lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

Jesus Stand Among Us, Words: William Pennefather, 1873, Music: Friedrich Filitz, 1847

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.

Come let us sing to the Lord, Let us shout for joy to our rock!_
In his hands are the depths of the earth, And the heights of the hills are his._
_ Let us come be-fore him with thanks, and raise a loud shout to his name!_
_ The seas and the o-ceans are his, and his hands have mold-ed the land_
_ For the Lord_ is a great_ God, a great king a -bove all gods,_
_ For the Lord_ is a great_ God, a great king a -bove all gods,_
For the Lord_ is a great_ God, a great king a -bove all gods.
For the Lord, he is our_ God, and we are the sheep of his'hand.

Venite, from Psalm 95, Music: Paul van der Bijl, 2012

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


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

Let us bow down be-fore our Ma-ker

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation


Leader: O God, our Maker, we bend our knee and kneel before you in adoration for you are a great God. All the idols and distractions we hold close are nothing before your grace and mercy.

silent moment of meditation and adoration

All: 

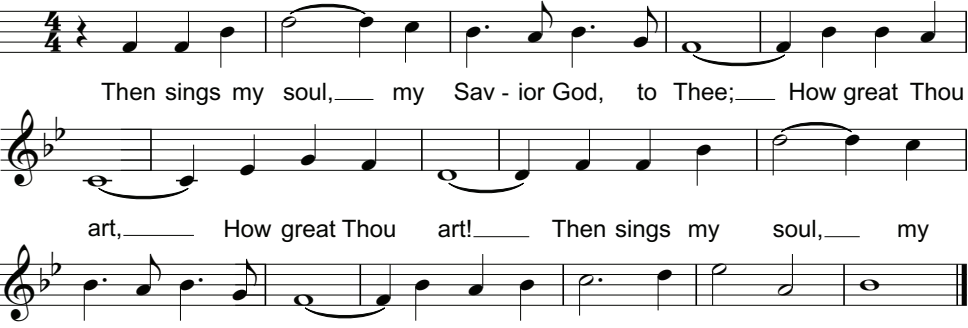
Let us bow down be - fore our Ma - ker

Descant



For the Lord is a great God, a great king a - bove all gods.

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



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Confession of Sin

from James 4

Leader: *God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

All: **Father, we rely on our own strength and not yours when we are tempted in sin. Forgive us our pride, and cleanse our hands and our hearts. Grant us the humility to draw near to you and the strength to resist the devil.**

Silent time to pray and confess



1. Mine are days that God has num bered I was made to walk with Him,
2. Mine are tears in times of sor - row dark-ness not yet un - der stood.
3. Mine are days here as a stran-ger pil - grim on a nar - row way.



Yet I look for worl-dly treas - ure and for - sake the King of kings.
Through the val - ley I must tra - vel Where I see no earth - ly good.
One with Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and hat - red for His name.



But mine is hope in my Re-deem-er though I fall His love is sure,
But mine is peace that flows from heav-en And the strength in times of need.
But mine is ar - mour for this batt - le Strong e-nough but by His grace.



For Christ has paid for ev'-ry fail - ing I am His for - ev - er more.
I know my pain will not be was - ted Christ com - pletes His work in me.
A - cross the Jor - dan, He will guide me safe in - to his warm em-brace.



And mine are keys to Zi - on Ci - ty Where be - side the King I



walk for there my heart has found its trea - sure, Christ is mine for-ev-er more.

Christ is Mine Forever, Words and Music, Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson, St. Paul's Anglican church, New South Wales, Australia, 2016

Assurance of Pardon

from Hebrews 4 & 7

Leader: *Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

All: **Jesus always lives to make intercession for us, and is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him.**

Song of Assurance

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a key signature change from G major to E minor (three flats) and contains the lyrics: "Come re - jice now, O my soul, for His love is my re - ward. Fear is". The second staff continues with "gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine for - ev - er more. Come re - more." and includes first and second endings. The third staff is labeled "Chorus" and contains the lyrics: "And mine are keys to Zi - on Ci - ty Where be - side the King I". The fourth staff concludes with "walk for there my heart has found its trea - sure, Christ is mine for - ev - er more."

Come re - jice now, O my soul, for His love is my re - ward. Fear is
gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine for - ev - er more. Come re - more.
Chorus
And mine are keys to Zi - on Ci - ty Where be - side the King I
walk for there my heart has found its trea - sure, Christ is mine for - ev - er more.

Lessons from the Word

read by Sandra and Jay Zimmerman ①, Hanah and Joshua Vissepo ②

Old Testament Lesson -
New Testament Lesson -

Psalm 1, p.448
Luke 22:31-32, p.882

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



O splen dor of the fa-ther's light, that makes our day light lu-cid bri-ght
True Sun, break out on earth and shine, in ra-diance with your light di-vine_



O light of light and sun of day, now shine on us your bright-est ray.
By daz-zling of your Spi-rit's might, o give our ja-ded sens-es light.

O Splendor of the Father's Light, Words: St. Ambrose (340-397). Music: mode 1, Antiphoner, 1400's

The Word

Pastor David Salsedo

Lead Us Not Into Temptation, James 1:12–18 p.1011

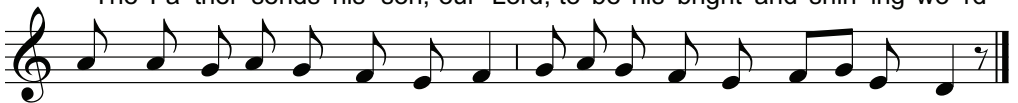
¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Notes:



The Fa-ther sends his son, our Lord, to be his bright and shin-ing wo-rd



Come, Lord, ride out your gleam-ing course and be our dawn our light's_ true source.

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

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.

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.

Chorus



We will feast in the House of Zi - on... We will sing with our



hearts re-stored. "He has done great things," we will say to - ge - ther.

Verses



We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned___ by the
2. In the dark of night, be-fore the
3. Ev - ery vow we've bro - ken and be-



fire. He is the LORD our God. We are not con-
dawn, my soul, be not a - fraid. For the pro-mised
trayed. You are the Faith - ful one. And_ from the



sumed___ by the flood. Up-held, pro-tec - ted, ga - thered up.
morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh, God of Ja - cob, be___ my strength.
gar - den to the grave, bind us to - ge - ther, bring_ sha - lom.

We Will Feast, by Sandra McCracken, Westside Anglican Fellowship, Nashville, TN, 2015

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 right to give you thanks and praise.

Leader: In the beginning you laid the foundation of the earth and created us in your image.

All: You set for us a Table in the Garden where we feasted together with you in peace.

Leader: But we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign.

All: Still you loved us and sought us and invited us to feast with you again.

Leader: You sent us bread from heaven and broke the stone to quench our thirst. You gave us a land flowing with milk and honey. You sent us the prophets and priests to call us back to you. And still we rebelled against you because of our sin.

All: Through Christ, you filled us with living bread and quenched our thirst with living water and opened a place for us at your Table to commune together in peace again.

Leader: Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and 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.**

*We will feast in the house of Zi - on_ We will sing with our
hearts re - stored He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther_
We will feast and weep no more*

Distribute the Bread & Cup

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, 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:

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

King of Kings, by Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood, and Brooke Ligertwood

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.**

All Sing:

Chorus
Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

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.*

in prayer

Led by Kara Shroyer

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



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

in community

Events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks.


Go With Joy

All: 

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



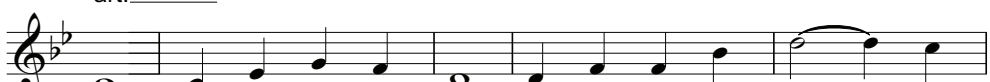
all the works Thy hands have made, I see the stars
die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross,
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow




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



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



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



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

How Great Thou Art, Words: John Adams (1767-1848). Music: Lowell Mason, 1824.

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)
- Prayer Walk (Library, Ed Building)
- **Coffee and snacks available in both classrooms and in the courtyard**

Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Fernando Kim, Melissa Norton, Sara Ellison (9:00); Lynda Adamson, Mark and Ranya Faasse (11:15)

Ushers: Bill Heine (9:00)



Visiting Musicians today from Messiah University: Tyler Green, piano; Téa Parris, drums; Julia Presley, bass, vocals; Derek Shockley, guitar; Christopher Vasquez, bass, vocals; Alden Walker, guitar, vocals; Heather Wolesslagle, guitar, vocals; Paul van der Bijl, vocals.

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.

Prayer Walk. Join us for a prayer walk today 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

Ushers Needed: Ushers are the first people to greet people as they come to Covenant. They pass out the orders of worship, help people find the bathrooms and classrooms, and help at the end of service to clean up the sanctuary. Most ushers serve once a month. If you'd like to join our usher team, please contact Margaret-Ann Natsis (margretann.natsis@gmail.com).



Gospel Justice Center: Please pray for Covenant's Gospel Justice Center, a legal-aid clinic created in partnership with Together Chicago and Administer Justice, and run entirely by Covenant volunteers. On the second Saturday of every month, we welcome our neighbors with legal questions from the Logan Square, Bucktown, Garfield Park and Humboldt Park neighborhoods. Please pray for us to care well for our guests, and pray for us to grow in our ability to become a more known presence in our neighborhood.

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).



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Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David Dillon, Dave Hoover, Kevin Jones, Brad Lewis, Steve Lehmann, David Salsedo.

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

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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:

Email:

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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.



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

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