

O mightiest path which penetrates All, from the height to every Earthly abyss, you compose All, you unite All.

Through you clouds stream, ether flies, stones gain moisture, waters become streams, and the earth exudes Life.

You always draw out knowledge, bringing joy through Wisdom's inspiration.

Therefore, praise be to you who are the sound of praise and the greatest prize of Life, who are hope and richest honor bequeathing the reward of Light.

~ Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179

**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.

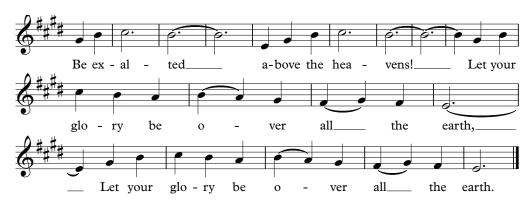
Green for the Season of Pentecost Green represents growth, bountifulness, hope, and the victory of life over death in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

#### 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.

# Call to Worship



from Psalm 57

Leader: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,

for in you my soul takes refuge;

All: In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge.

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God,

All: my heart is steadfast!

Leader: I will sing and make melody!

All: Awake, O my soul!

Leader: Awake, O harp and lyre!

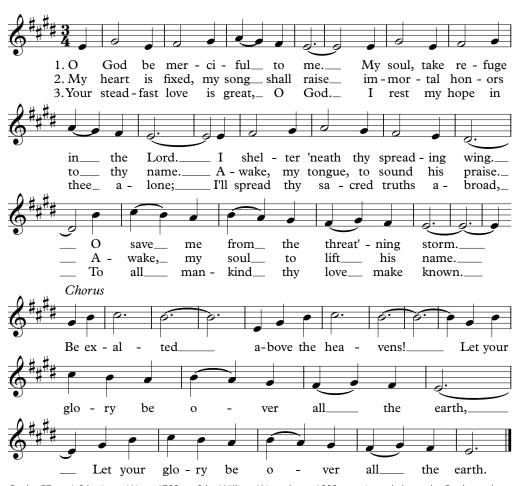
All:

All: With our song, we will awake the dawn!

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!



Psalm 57, vs.1-2 by Isaac Watts,1720; vs.3 by William Wrangham, 1829; music and chorus by Paul van der Bijl, 2015

# Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

silent prayer of adoration and moment of meditation

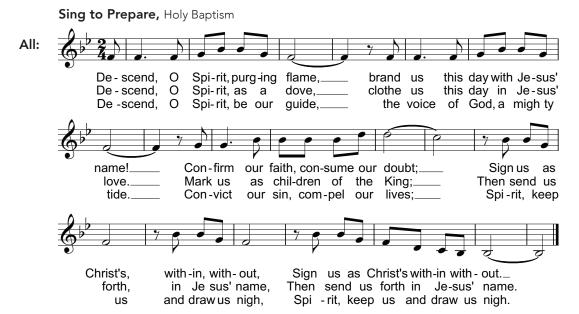
O God, how merciful you are and what joy and comfort we find under the shadow and refuge of your wing. Let all the earth see your glory and exalt your greatness.

Leader: Awake, O my soul. Come Holy Spirit:

All: Open our eyes to your presence among us today.

# Sacrament of Baptism

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all in all. - Ephesians 4:4-6



Maggie Ann & Olivia Grace Lee, daughters of Bob and Julie

## Prayer of Congregational Blessing:

All: Ever-living God, in your mercy you promised to be not only our God but also the God of our children. We thank you for receiving **Maggie and Olivia** by baptism. Keep them always in your love. Guide them as they grow in faith. Protect them in all the dangers and temptations of life. May they be faithful disciples of your son Jesus Christ to their life's end. In Christ's name, Amen.

All Sing: "Descend, O Spirit purging flame..."

# Confession of Sin, adapted from Hebrews 3

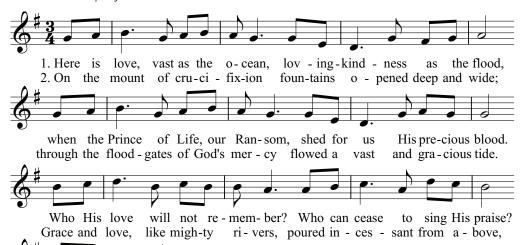
Leader:

Take care, lest there be in you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. Exhort one another every day, that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, and the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts in rebellion."

All: Father, we are callous to the ways our sins affect us and those around us. Forgive us the evil of our unbelief, grant us the ears to hear the voice of your Spirit, and soften our rebellious hearts.

Silent time to pray and confess



He is Christ, the Lamb of glo-ry, through-out heav'n's e-ter-nal days. and heav'n's peace and per-fect jus-tice kissed a guil - ty world in love.

Here is Love Vast as the Ocean, Words, William Reese, 1850, music by Robert Lowry, 1876, arr. by Nathan Drake, Christ's Church, St. Louis, 2015

# Assurance of Pardon, adapted from Hebrews 10

Leader: Christ sacrificed himself for our sins and the Holy Spirit bears witness to us.

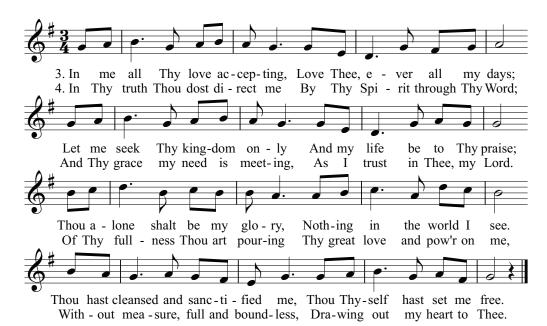
All: He has made a covenant with us.

He put his laws on our hearts,

He wrote them on our minds.

He remembers our sins and our lawless deeds no more.

## Sing to Assure



# Lessons from the Word

read by Andy Bilhorn

Old Testament Lesson -Gospel Lesson - Psalm 103.15-22, p.502 Luke 1.46-55, p.856

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

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.

## The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker Kingdom, Power, Glory, Revelation 1:4–6 p.1028

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

# 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.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

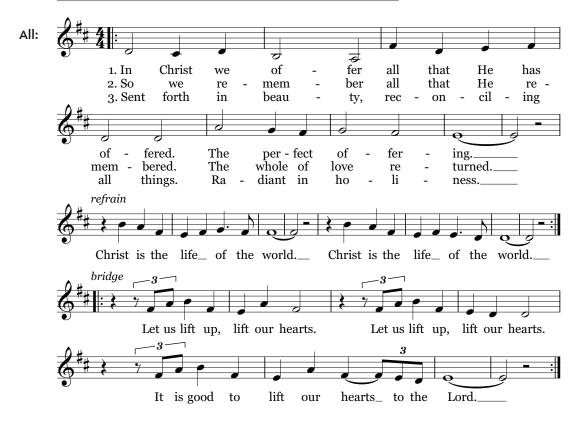
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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.

# The Great Thanksgiving



Leader: And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending 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.



Christ is the Life of the World, by Sandra McCracken, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, 2022

# 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

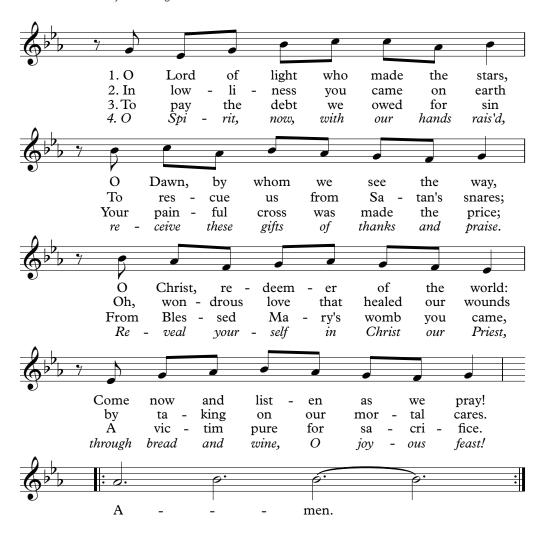
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the 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:



O Lord of Light, Words: Latin chant, 9th cent., Music: Sarum Plainsong, mode IV

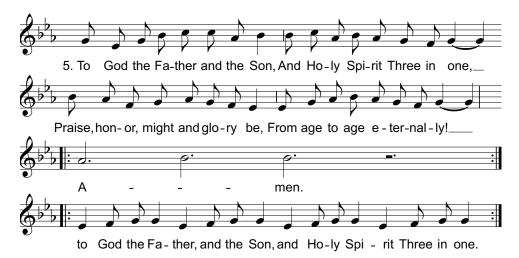
## Respond to the Table

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 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 community

Events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks.



Let the Whole Creation Cry, Words: Stopford Brooke, 1881. Music: Robert Williams, 1817.

## 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

#### 10.15 service

• Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level

• Children's Worship: preK-5th Grade, lower level

## Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Anna Harvey, Mike Fisher Dubois, Patrick Fisher

Ushers: Christie Kay, Ryan von Drehle, Shane Rector

Musicians today: Kevin Jones, mandolin, vocals; Matthew Siefert, bass; Devon Spencer, vocals; Iva Riggs,

vocals; Adèle-Marie Buis, oboe; Paul van der Bijl, vocals, guitar; 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 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/.

Home Court: Every summer, Breakthrough hosts a series of summer block parties & basketball tournaments in East Garfield Park. Covenant is partnering with Breakthrough on Friday, July 14 to host Home Court from 4:30 – 8:30 pm in St. Louis Park. Volunteers help prepare food for the free cookout and help with children's activities. This year, the block party will have a carnival theme, complete with a dunk tank that Covenant volunteers will help run. Join us for part or all of the event. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Pastor Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

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 after the service today in the grassy lot.

Pickleball at Covenant: Join others from Covenant for pickleball in the gym on some Saturdays from 9 to 11 am. All are welcome to join; instructors will be available if you're new to the sport. Sign up on our website (covenantchicago.org/pickleball/) for upcoming dates: July 1, 15, 22 and 29. Questions? Contact Jenna Hammond (jenaomia@gmail.com).

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 Margret-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).

Next Week Sermon Text: Psalm 121

Giving QR Code





Our Father who art in heaven Hallowed be they name They Khydorn come They will be done on earth as it is sik us this day ove daily bread and forgive us are debts as we forgive are debtors lead us not into temptation but deliver some en! for thine is the kingdon Athepove and the glory forever.

## Welcome to Covenant. Pastoral Staff Please fill out this form, tear it out, and put it in one of Aaron Baker the offering boxes at the back of the church. Pastor, abaker@covenantchicago.org David Salsedo circle one: Associate Pastor, dsalsedo@covenantchicago.org Dan Adamson New to Covenant | Regular Attender | Member Associate Pastor, dadamson@covenantchicago.org Name: Support Staff Email: Larissa Bossemeyer Director of Ministries: Ibossemeyer@ covenantchicago.org Address: Gene Pierson Director of Finance & Property: gpierson@ covenantchicago.org Phone: Ian Troll Director of Children and Youth Ministries: ian@ covenantchicago.org $\uparrow$ This is new or updated information $\uparrow$ Paul van der Bijl Director of Worship and Music: pvanderbijl@ I am interested in: covenantchicago.org More information Session ■ Small Groups Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David Dillon, Dave Hoover, Kevin Jones, Brad Lewis, ■ Service Opportunities Steve Lehmann, David Salsedo. Membership Please direct correspondence for the Session to session@covenantchicago.org. Receiving the Email Letter Diaconate Children and Youth Ministry Other: Andrew Dykstra, Jonathan Ellison, Phil Koerner, Joel Miller, Margret-Ann Natsis, Shane Rector, Deb Van Der Molen, Matt Ver Steeg Treasurer: Ben Harvey Prayer Requests: If you're in need or wish to speak with a deacon, you can

email us at diaconate@covenantchicago.org.

#### 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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