

I AM WILLING; BE CLEANSED

Clean

*Depart from me, my Lord and God;
my lips are all unclean,
my hands befouled, my feet roughshod,
my thought too oft obscene.
And yet I stand here overawed
to see what I have seen.
Yes, Lord, I'll speak your name abroad,
if you but make me clean.*

*Then touch my mouth with fiery coal
and wash, O Lord, my feet.
Bid me consume the written scroll
that is as honey sweet,
and I will this same feast unroll
for all who come to eat.
O cleanse my heart, renew my soul,
by burning ember's heat.*

*And I'll push off into the waves,
though I have worked all night,
if you, my Jesus, make me brave
to cast my nets aright,
within their cords to free the slave
and give the blind their sight.
The lost are yours alone to save,
and I am yours t'ignite.*

~ Kate Bluett



*Sermon Series: The Healing Jesus
Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago
17th Sunday of Pentecost, September 17, 2023
Woven Watercolor by Jamie Gray*

Children's programming is available during both services on the lower level, see page 16 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

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.

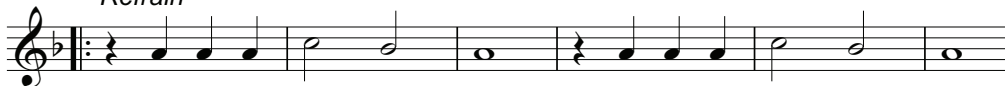


O Lord my heart's not lift - ed up, my eyes not lof - ty be.____
For I have calmed and stilled my soul, like a weaned child at pe - ace,



I do not oc - cu - py my-self with things too great for me.____
and found my hope and rest in God for all e - ter - ni - ty.____

Refrain



I wait for you, O God. You are my on - ly hope.



I am at peace, with-in your love, I am at peace with-in your love.

Words: based on Psalm 131, by vdBijl & Baker, 2023, Music, attr. Martin Herbst, 1676, arr. and ref. by vdBijl & Baker, 2023

Call To Worship

From Psalm 50:1-6

Leader: The Mighty One, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**All: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

Leader: Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.

**All: He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth:**

Leader: "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

All: The heavens declare your righteousness!



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion _ cry, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Praise him all ye hosts a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Saints and an - gels sing his _ praise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Glo - ry to the Lord on _ high, Al - le - lu - ia!
E - ver bright and fair in _ love, Al - le - lu - ia!
An - cient of E - ter - nal _ Days, Al - le - lu - ia!



Heav'n and earth a - wake and _ sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
Sun and moon lift up _ your _ voice, Al - le - lu - ia!
Lord of earth and sea _ and _ sky, Al - le - lu - ia!



God is God and there - fore _ King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Night and stars in God re - joice, Al - le - lu - ia!
God most ho - ly, God Most High, Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

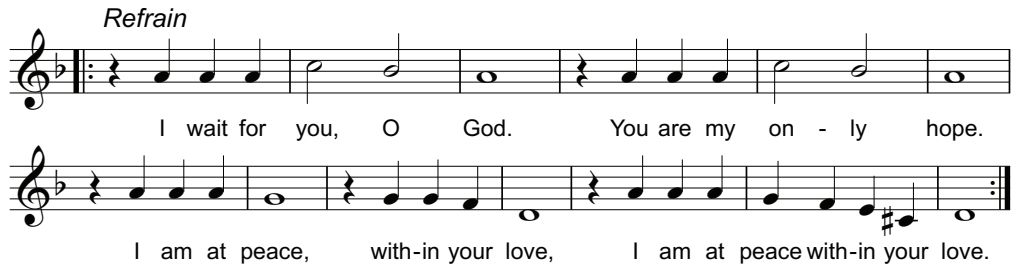
Leader: *O Mighty One, we thank you that you are not silent and that you have summoned us together to hear your Word and feast at your Table. The perfection of your beauty permeates everything and we are at peace within your love.*

Come Holy Spirit,

All: Visit us with your presence today. Amen.

moment of silent adoration

Refrain



I wait for you, O God. You are my on - ly hope.

I am at peace, with-in your love, I am at peace with-in your love.

Confession of Sin, *Isaiah 53:5-6*

Leader: He was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

All: **All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

Silent time to pray and confess



1. O Lord, my shep - herd I'll not want.
2. You lead me on the ho - ly path,
3. And though I walk through death's dark vale,



Lay me down in pas - tures green. — lead me by — the qui - et stream.
guid - ed by your right - eous grace, — for your glo - ry and your name.
I'll not fear the e - vil there, — for your pre - sence. com - forts me. —



Re - store — my soul, — O Lord, re - store my soul.
Di - rect — my way, — O Lord, di - rect my way.
De - fend — my life, — O Lord, de - fend my life.

Psalm 23, Paul van der Bijl, 2022

Assurance of Pardon, 1 Peter 2:24-25

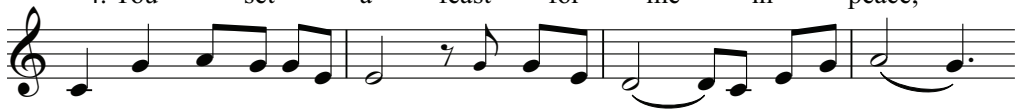
Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

All: **By his wounds we have been healed. For we were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.**

Sing to Assure



4. You set a feast for me in peace,



shel-tered from the e-ne - my. A-noint me with your la-vish love.



Re - new my heart, O Lord, re - new my heart.

Refrain



Good-ness and mer - cy will fol - low me all of my days, for



you are my shep-herd, my shel-ter, and wor-thy of pra - ise!

Lessons from the Word

Chris and Dave Jarvis ①, Brad Lewis ②

Old Testament Lesson -
New Testament Lesson -

Micah 4.1-4, p.778
Galatians 3.7-9, p.973

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 Aaron Baker

As You Have Believed, Matthew 8:1–13 p.813

¹ When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ² And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." ³ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴ And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

⁵ When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶ "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." ⁷ And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." ⁸ But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed." ⁹ For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹ I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹² while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³ And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.



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

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

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.



4 To the Fa-ther, to the _ Son, Al - le - lu - ia!



To the Spi - rit, Three in __One, Al - le - lu - ia!



Through your mer - cy, by __your _ grace, Al - le - lu - ia!



Hear these prayers of thanks and _ praise, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving, by Samuel Wells, vicar, & Abby Kocher, Church of England, 2016

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: Healing God, Praise be unto you, for you have taken in your own two hands the redemption of your world and refashioned us from brokenness into life everlasting with you.

Leader: Like a potter you fashioned your chosen people, making them into a vessel worthy of your glory. When that vessel was spoiled you called your people to repentance and sent prophets to renew their faith.

All: In the fullness of time, through the death and resurrection of your Son, you reworked the clay like a potter at a wheel;

Leader: You remade us as vessels revealing your goodness and grace through the forgiveness of sins.

All: You raise us up from the dust of the earth to the hope of everlasting life.

Leader: And so with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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. The tab-le now is spread; The tab-le now is spread. This



wine and bread brok- en bod-y and blood shed; The tab-le now is spread.

Chorus



Worth-y is the Lamb who was slain; glor - y be un - to His name.



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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 meditation during the meal

Cleansing God, your touch and word turned death to life in the body of a young girl, and when a suffering woman touched the hem of your garment you proclaimed that her faith had made her well. Come among us now in that same word and touch, and restore the body, mind, and spirit of your church to life in your name. In the power of your Holy Spirit speak over and touch this bread and this cup, that we may find in them your healing and resurrection, and they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

by Samuel Wells, vicar, & Abby Kocher, St. Martin-in-the-fields, Church of England, 2016

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

Music for Communion

You are welcome to join in song:



1. The Lamb has ov - er - come; the Lamb has ov - er -
2. No grave could hold Him down; No grave could hold Him
3. At God's right hand is He; at God's right hand is



come. The bat-tle's done and the vic-tor-y is won; the
down. Up from the ground "He is ris-en!" was the sound; No
He. Our Per-fect Plea as He lives to in - ter cede; At

Chorus



Lamb has ov - er - come.
grave could hold him down.
God's right hand is He. (to CHORUS) Worth - y is the



Lamb who was slain Glor-y be un - to His name. Worth - y



is the Lamb who was slain; glor - y be un - to His name.

The Lamb Has Overcome, Words and Music: Luke Morton, 2011, Green Lake Presbyterian Church, Seattle, WA.

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.**

5. The day is draw - ing near; The day is draw - ing
near. He shall ap - pear and will wipe a - way each tear; The
Chorus
day is draw - ing near. *Worth - y is the*
Lamb who was slain *Glor - y be un - to His name.* *Worth - y*
is the Lamb who was slain; *glor - y be un - to His name.*

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.

Go With Joy

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
2. What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what re - ward will hea - ven bring? E - ver - las - ting life with
long. Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a - part from His com -
blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the stor - my
Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be des -
mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
troyed, And we will feast in end - less joy, When Christ is ours for - e - ver - more.
— O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing hal - le
lu - jah! Now and e - ver we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death, Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Christ Covenant Church, Atlanta, GA, 2020

Benediction

Leader:

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

- Coffee and snacks available in the Fellowship Hall
- Nursery: Ages 0-4 (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: PreK-8th Grade (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: High School (Youth Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Parenting in Light of the Gospel (All Saints Room, Lower Level)
- Adult Education: The Reluctant Prophet (Library, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Serving Our City (Fellowship Hall, Ed Building)

Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Dave Hoover, Melissa Norton, Linda Gehrs (9:00); Tess FisherDubois, Phil Koerner, Matthew Siefert (11:15)

Ushers: Brent Blankenship, Matt Ver Steeg, Ryan Von Drehle (9:00); Andrew Dykstra (11:15)

Musicians: Paul David Young, electric guitar, vocals; Mike Middleton, bass, vocals; Dave Jarvis, saxophone; Adriane Fink, piano; Iva Riggs, vocals; Cassidy Miller, vocals; Sound Technician, Joel Miller.

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.



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/>.

Newcomers Lunch: Covenant is hosting a welcome lunch on September 24 at 12:30 for those who are new to Covenant's community. It will be a fun and informal way to be introduced to some new faces, learn some names, share some stories, and meet some of Covenant's staff and officers. Please RSVP to Pastor Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org) if you'd like to join.

Women's Retreat: Registration is now open for our annual women's retreat on October 20-22. This year, we'll return to the Dekoven Center in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Sign up and learn more at <https://covenantchicago.org/events/womens-retreat/>. Contact women@covenantchicago.org with any questions.

Parenting in Light of the Gospel: In a world that feels as complex as ours does, the Gospel provides a lens that can inform our decisions where there are no easy answers. In this class, we'll talk about the way that the Gospel shapes how we approach parenting in issues like discipline, technology, and mental health. Join fellow parents as we reflect together on how to faithfully disciple our children. Class meets in the All Saints Room at 10:15. This week, Ian Troll will teach about spiritual formation.

The Reluctant Prophet: In four short chapters, the book of Jonah tells the story of a runaway prophet. More than a Big Fish, this short book shows the lengths Jonah would travel to avoid God's call. Taking us on a journey from the shores of Joppa to the heart of Assyria, this is the story of a God who is slow to anger and abounding in love and a prophet who would rather die than see his enemies receive grace. Join us for this class on Jonah taught by Mark Lester at 10:15 in the Library of the Education Building.

Serving Our City: As a church in the city, one of the ways we love our neighbors is by working for the good of our city. Covenant does that in part through partnerships with other city ministries. Join us for this 4 week class in the Fellowship Hall to hear from various city ministries we serve with as a church and learn how you can be involved. This week, we'll hear from Breakthrough Urban Ministries..

Children's Worship: For the Fall, Covenant will be dividing our Children's Worship into two sessions, one for preschool and kindergarten students and the other for elementary students. The younger class will be geared towards non-readers and have more open play time to make it a smoother transition to nursery. This new class will be taught by Amy Lewis and Emily Willis.

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).

Wednesday Morning Women's Group: Beginning September 6, Covenant's Wednesday morning women's group will resume for the Fall. The group meets in the All Saints Room at Covenant from 9 to 11 am each Wednesday. This Fall, they'll read Mere Christianity. You're welcome to join whether you're able to come weekly or occasionally. Childcare is available.

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).

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.

Mentoring at Pulaski: Covenant, in partnership with Together Chicago and Love Your School, has launched a mentoring program for 6th -8th graders at Pulaski Elementary School, blocks away from church. We are looking for volunteers who are available on Thursdays from 4:00-5:15 pm to meet with young students and invest in them during the school year. Please reach out to Linda Kim at lindakim5@gmail.com to learn more. New mentoring session to begin Thursday, October 5th. Join us for a training session Sunday, October 1st at 10:15 am.

Staff Change: David Salsedo's last day as a pastor at Covenant was September 3. He and his family continue to attend Covenant.

Let Us Pray for You. Covenant's staff meets to pray for the congregation throughout the week. We would be honored to pray for you. You can share prayer requests by writing them on the tear out portion at the back of the order of worship or by emailing Pastor Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

Giving QR Code



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Session

Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David Dillon, Dave Hoover, Brad Lewis, Steve Lehmann, Josh Norton

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:

Address:

Phone:

↑ *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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