

DAUGHTER OF ABRAHAM

### I Know That I Have Life

"I know that I have life only insofar as I have love.

I have no love except it come from Thee.

Help me, please, to carry this candle against the wind."

~ Wendell Berry



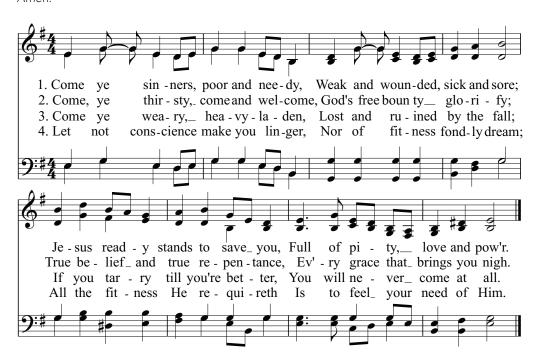
Sermon Series: The Healing Jesus Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago 19th Sunday of Pentecost, October 1, 2023 Watercolor by Jamie Gray **Children's programming** is available during both services on the lower level, see page 16 for details.

**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.



Come Ye Sinners, Words: Joseph Hart, 1759. Music: William Walker, 1835.

# Call to Worship

from Psalm 118

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Leader: The LORD is God,

All: and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

All: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever



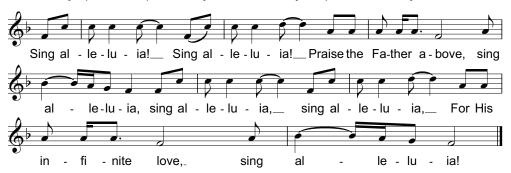
All Creatures, Words: Francis of Assisi, 1225. Music: Steve Hindalong, 2002

# Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### moment of silent adoration

Holy God, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness to us, we gather with the poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore from all the nations of the world today to praise and adore you.

Come Holy Spirit and open our eyes and ears to 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.



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

Silent time to pray and confess

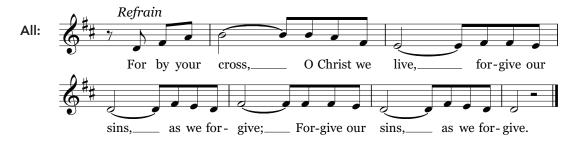
# Assurance of Pardon

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



## Lessons from the Word

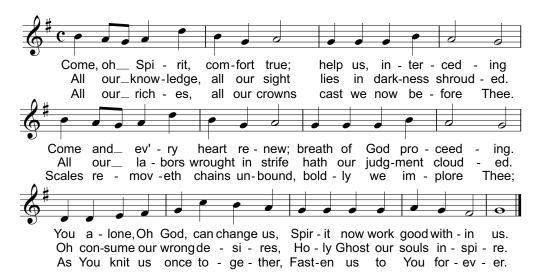
Mark Hicks ①, Jon Skinner ②

Old Testament Lesson - Deuteronomy 5.12-15, p.150

New Testament Lesson - Romans 16.20, p.951

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Come O Spirit, Words and Music, Isaac Wardell, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville, 2008

## The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker Daughter of Abraham, Luke 13:10–17 p.872

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." <sup>13</sup> And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. <sup>14</sup> But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Notes:

# 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.



Sursum Corda by Terry Scott Taylor and Steve Hindalong, 2002

# 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.

**Doxology** Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, Music, German Psalter, 1561



Praise him a-bove ye heav'-nly hosts. Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

# 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.

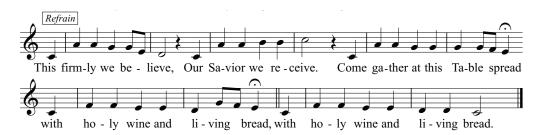
Leader: In the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

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.



# 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 and healing God, your touch healed the woman with the disabling spirit and she glorified God and rejoiced. 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.

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

### Prayer for those searching for truth

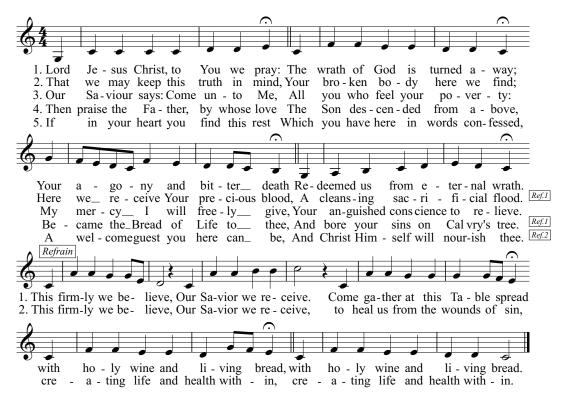
Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, 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 receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

### Music for Communion

You are welcome to join in song:



Lord Jesus Christ To You We Pray, Martin Luther, 1524; Thomas Tallis, 1560, addl. words and ref. by vdBijl, 2021

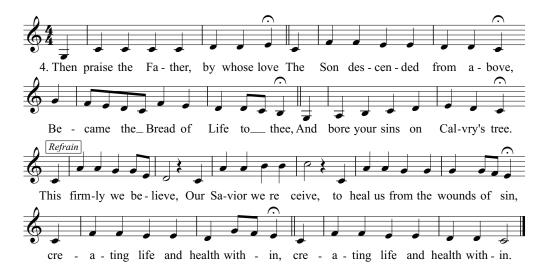
## Respond to the Table

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.

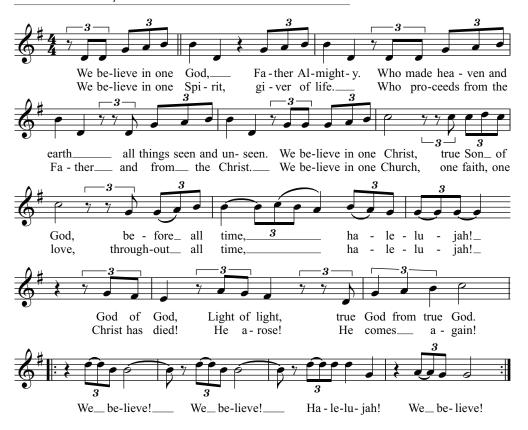


# The Work of the People

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.



Based on the Nicene Creed, by Paul van der Bijl & Dave Jarvis, 2023, a song in triplets to exalt the Trinity.

# 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

### 2nd service, 11:15am

Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level

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

### Common Ground, 10:15am

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

### Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Bill Heine, Sandra and Jay Zimmerman (9:00); Karyn Herndon, James Leach, Andrew Dykstra (11:15)

Ushers: David Hofman, Mark Scheerhorn, Margret-Ann Natsis (9:00); Laura and Mike Bagnoli, Paul Kamp (11:15)

Welcome Table: Peggy Adamson (9:00); Choon Lee (9:00)

Large Print orders of worship and electronic hearing assistance devices are available in the back of the sanctuary. An usher can assist you with finding and using these items.

#### **COMMON GROUND CLASSES**

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.. 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, Kelley Oldham will address mental health needs in kids.

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. 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 in the Conference Room this week to hear from New Moms.

Covenant Life Class: Join us for our Covenant Life Class taught by the staff. This 6 week class, beginning October 15 is for those who are interested in learning more about the church and the things we care about most, starting with the gospel. This class is a requirement for those who wish to become members. For more information, contact Pastor Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

How the Universe is Designed for Discovery: The idea that the universe was designed for life is a central tenet of the Christian faith and a much debated point in philosophy. Less discussed, though no less evocative, is the idea that the universe might be designed not just for life but for discovery! In this six week series

beginning October 15, we will examine some pivotal discoveries in physics which seem to suggest just this. David Hofman (Professor of Physics, University of Illinois Chicago) and Joshua Norton (Professor of Philosophy, Wheaton College) will co-teach this class.

**Envisioning God's World:** We believe that all good things come from God and point towards him. In this class, we'll look at some concrete ways we see theology in works of art. Each week will center around a theological theme like transcendence, beauty or evil and talk through ways specific works of art expose this truth. Class will begin on October 15.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Small Groups:** Covenant small groups meet throughout the city. Small groups are a great way to get to know others at Covenant, study Scripture, and pray together. If you'd be interested in learning more about small groups, please contact Pastor Dan. (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

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. Anna Troll (annelise.olson94@gmail.com) and Devon Spencer (devonspencer1112@gmail.com) will lead this group.

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.

Dinner Together: Join others from Covenant for potluck gatherings throughout the city. On October 7, 14 and 15, Covenant is organizing dinners for groups of 8-12. If you'd be interested in attending one of these gettogethers, please fill out the form on the welcome table or our website (covenantchicago.org/events/dinnertogether). Questions? Contact Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org).

Save the Date: Fall Fest. Mark your calendars for Covenant's first Fall Fest on Sunday, October 29 from 5-8 pm. This will be a chance to connect with Covenant's community over dinner and fun fall activities like games, crafts and a bonfire. Look for more details next week.

#### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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).

October Mercy Bin: This month, Covenant is collecting items to help migrants settle in Chicago as they await their immigration court cases. We are currently collecting pots, pans and blankets through the organization New Life Centers. While these items are their most urgent needs, you can see a list of additional items they are collecting on our website. All items should be brought to Covenant by October 31 and placed in the Mercy Bin, located in the narthex.



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.



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/.

**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.

#### **NEWS AND UPDATES**

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 Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

Sermon Text Next Week: Mark 7.31-37

Giving QR Code

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