



HE HAS DONE ALL THINGS WELL

Amid uncommon darkness

*O Being both far distant and most near,
O Lover embracing all unlovable, O Tender
Tether binding us together, and binding, yea
and tenderly, Your Person to ourselves,
Being both beyond our ken, and kindred, One
whose dire energies invest such clay as ours
with patent animation, O Secret One secreting
life anew into our every tissue moribund,
afresh unto our stale and stalling craft,
grant in this obscurity a little light.*

~ Scott Cairns



*Sermon Series: The Healing Jesus
Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago
20th Sunday of Pentecost, October 8, 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 bless the Lord, all you ser-vants of the Lord, who stand by night
in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the ho-ly place
and bless the Lord our God! Lift up your hands to the
ho - ly place and bless the Lord our God!

ending
May the Lord bless your from Zi-on, he who made heav-en and earth!

May the Lord_ bless your from Zi - on, he who made heav-en and earth!

Psalm 134, music by Paul van der Bijl, 2023

Call to Worship

Psalms 134

Leader: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

**All: Let us lift up our hands in this holy place
and bless the LORD!**

Leader: May the LORD bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!

**All: May the LORD bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!**



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre - a - tion!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drou-sly reign - eth,
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee;
4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a - dore Him!



O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion!
Shel-ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!
Sure - ly His good - ness, and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.
All that hath life and breath, come now with prai - ses be - fore Him.



All ye who hear, Now to His tem - ple draw
Hast thou not seen How thy de - sires e'er have
Pon - der a - new What the Al - migh - ty can
Let the A - men Sound from His peo - ple a -



near; Join me in glad a - do - ra - tion.
been Gran - ted in what He or - dain - eth?
do, If with His love He be - friend thee.
gain, Gla - dy for aye we a - dore Him.

Praise to the Lord, Words: Joachim Neander, 1680. Music: Erneuernten Gesangbuch, 1665.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: O God, our Father, almighty King of creation, we lift our hands in this holy place to adore and bless you. We thank you for standing with us even in the darkness of our night.

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

moment of silent meditation

The musical notation consists of two staves in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad a - do - ra - tion." The first staff contains the first two lines of the prayer, and the second staff contains the remaining two lines. The music is simple and contemplative, with a mix of quarter and half notes.

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.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "To Thee I come a sin-ner poor And wait for mer-cy at Thy door_ To Thee I come a sin-ner foul Yet grant me Lord your fa - vor now.. In - deed, I've no - where else to flee, Oh Mer - cy through blood I make my plea Oh God be mer-ci-ful_ to me. To Thee I come a sin-ner God be mer-ci-ful_ to me. To Thee I come a sin-ner weak and scarce know how to pray or speak, From fear and great and well Thou know - est all my state, Yet full for - weak - ness set me free, Oh God be mer-ci-ful_ to me! give - ness is with Thee, Oh God be mer-ci-ful_ to me!"

To Thee I Come, Words: Samuel Medley, 1700s, addl. txt vdbijl, 2014, Music Clint Wells, 2006

Silent time to pray and confess

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

To Thee I come a sin-ner saved For I have on - ly You to thank.
— And where You are I long to be, Oh
God be mer-ci-ful_ to me. When You re - turn Oh, Lord at
last and there when all my sins are passed, With all the
saints I'll then a - gree, Oh God was mer-ci-ful_ to me!

Lessons from the Word

Christy and Craig Horbinksi ①, *Jared Knelsen* ②

Old Testament Lesson -
New Testament Lesson -

Isaiah 35.1-7, p.595
1 Corinthians 15.50-57, p.962

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 Dan Adamson

He Has Done All Things Well, Mark 7:31-37 p.843

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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.

(Leader:) *The Lord be with you,* (All:) **and al - so with you.** (repeat)

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(Leader:) *Let us_ give thanks_ to the Lord our God.*

(All:) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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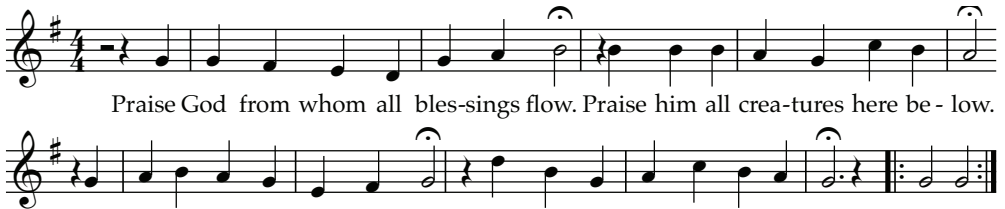
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Sursum Corda by Terry Scott Taylor and Steve Hindalong, 2002

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 God from whom all bles-sings flow. Praise him all crea-tures here be - low.
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.**

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**

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 blind man. 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.

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

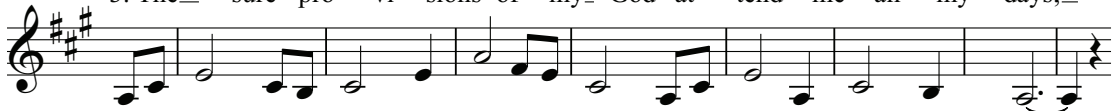
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the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

Music for Communion

You are welcome to join in song:



1. My_ shep - herd will sup - ply my_ need, Je - ho - vah is his name;_
2. When I walk_ through the shades of_ death, his_ pre - sence is my stay;_
3. The_ sure pro - vi - sions of my_ God at - tend me all my days;_



in_ pas - tures fresh he makes me feed be - side the li - ving stream.
one_ word of_ his sup - por - ting breath drives all my fears a - way._
oh,_ may his_ house be my a - bode and_ all my work be praise.



He brings my_ wand'-ring spi - rit_ back when I for - sake his ways___
His hand, in_ sight of all my_ foes, will still my_ ta - ble spread;_
There would I__ find a set - tled rest while o - thers go and come,___



and_ leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in_ paths of truth and grace._
my_ cup with_ bles - sings o - ver - flows; his_ oil a - noints my head._
no_ more a__ stran - ger or a__ guest, but_ like a child at home._

Words: Isaac Watts, Mark Lane Congregational Chapel, London, UK, 1719; Music, American Folk Melody

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.**



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah! He is ri - sen o - ver
all. Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.

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 hope we have, e-ven in the long-est night, for the
2. What peace we have, e-ven in this wound ed world where the
3. What joy we have, for the stone is rolled a - way, and the
4. What hope we have, e-ven in the long-est night, for the



light will o - ver come.____ We will not fear, for we know the
bat - tle ra - ges on.____ We will not fear, for we know who
tomb holds no-thing now.____ No sting of death, no pow'r o - ver
light will o - ver come.____ And we shall live; sin - ners, we will



sun will rise. Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.____
heals our souls. Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.____ Hal-le-
sin or grave. Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.____
rise to saints. Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.____



lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah! He is ri-sen o - ver all. Hal-le-



lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.

Hallelujah is Our Song, Words and Music by Sarah Hart, Holy Family Catholic Church, Brentwood, TN., 2013

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

Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Patrick Fisher, Sara Ellison (9:00); Brad Lewis, Ian Troll, Hanah Vissepo (11:15)

Ushers: Kim Edison, Michael Bergstrom (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

Covenant Life Class: Join us for our Covenant Life Class taught by the staff. This 6 week class, 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. This class will meet in the Conference Room of the Education Building at 10:15 beginning October 15.

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 in the Library of the Education Building.

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 in the All Saints Room.

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: 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 14 and 15, Covenant is organizing dinners for groups of 8-12. If you'd be interested in attending one of these get-togethers, please fill out the form on the welcome table or our website (covenantchicago.org/events/dinner-together). Questions? Contact Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org).

Fall Fest: Join us for Fall Fest on Sunday, October 29 from 5 to 8 pm for dinner and fun fall activities! We'll have games and an inflatable obstacle course in the gym, pumpkin painting in the conference room, and a bonfire in the grassy lot. Costumes are welcome. We're in need of several volunteers to help with the event to decorate and set up at 12:30 that Sunday or assist with activities during the event. . Additionally, we need volunteers to bring mac & cheese or desserts. If you're able to help, please contact Ian Troll (ian@covenantchicago.org).

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.

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).



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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.

circle one:

New to Covenant | Regular Attender | Member

Name:

Email:

Address:

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↑ *This is new or updated information* ↑

I am interested in:

- More information
- Small Groups
- Service Opportunities
- Membership
- Receiving the Email Letter
- Children and Youth Ministry
- Other:

Prayer Requests:

Covenant Life

Worship Together:

We are made to worship the Triune God, and our worship is always ordered around Jesus Christ and the forgiveness and grace he secured for us by his cross, resurrection and ascension. Gathering around this good news together on Sundays strengthens our appetites, imaginations and abilities to live as followers of Jesus.

Grow and Learn Together:

Learning about our faith and growing together in it forms us into human beings who are fully swept up into the work God is doing to reconcile all things to himself in Jesus. Learning is more than simply knowing; it is the internalization of truth that leads to mature thinking and acting.

Serve Together:

The natural outcome of receiving and experiencing grace is to be propelled outward into mission and service. All of us have been given gifts to use for the good of our common life and for the good of the broken world around us, and we encourage everyone to regularly use their gifts in service.



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

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