

the
Weight of Glory

October 31, 2021 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost



*Nail him to sticks
he stands free, makes sense
of agony, of sticks and stones.
No grafting him on: his fruits
are free, and other: more love
more year's intensities. He ranges, rejoices
the horizon sorrow lifts him to.
Look how hands refuse
all but gift. That blood will flow
red red against bitter
hemlock, maple sweet. Blood writes
what heart provides: God knows what
that sea brings up.
God bring that sea safe — safe is no word for him but a
surf home, shuddering its coast
crying hoarse in its falling
victory.*

~ Daniel Berrigan

Children's programming is available during both services on the lower level, see page 14 for details.

Large Print orders of worship 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.

Ho - - ly God, Ho - ly and migh - ty,

Ho - ly im-mor-tal one, Have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Trisagion, Words, 1st Century prayer; Music, Fernando Ortega, 2011

Call to Worship, from Job 37

Leader: Hear this:

Stop and consider the wondrous works of God.
At this my heart trembles
and leaps out of its place.

**All: Listen to the thunder of his voice
and the rumbling that comes from his mouth.**

Leader: Under the whole heaven he lets it go,
and his lightning to the corners of the earth.

**All: God thunders wondrously with his voice;
he does great things that we cannot comprehend.**



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.

Invocation

Leader: Almighty God, you have shown us your power.
God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory
and worship Christ in spirit and in truth.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, Amen.**

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three staves. The first staff is in C major and contains the first line of the melody. The second and third staves are in B-flat major and contain the second and third lines of the melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 John 3

Leader: *And this is the judgment of God: the light has come into the world, and we loved the darkness rather than the light because our works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest their works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.*

All: Sing to Confess



1. Lead, kind-ly Christ, a - mid th'en-cir-cling gloom, Lead Thou me on;
2. I ne - ver call'd for Thee, nor pray'd that Thou, should lead me on.

The night is dark, and I am far from home; Lead Thou me on;
I chose my own re - bell-i-ous path but now, Lead Thou me on.

Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask_ to_ see
De - spite your grace, I wan - dered far from Thee;

The dis - tant shore, one step's e - nough for me.
for - give me, Christ, grant me Thy love and peace.

Lead Kindly Christ, Words, by vdBijl, 2014, based on John Newman text, 1833; music by vdBijl, 2014

Silent time to pray and confess

Assurance of Pardon, *from John 3*

All: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

3. So long Thy love has held me and it still will lead me on.
A - cross life's vast and stor - my oce - an till deep night is gone;
And on that Morn, in your em - brace I'll be;
but till that day, I'll find my rest in Thee.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes, with a final half note. The second staff continues the melody with a similar rhythmic pattern. The third staff features a melodic line with a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note, and a final half note. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a melodic line of quarter notes and a final half note, ending with a double bar line.

Lessons from the Word

read by *Chris and Dave Jarvis* ①, *Ben Harvey* ②

Old Testament Lesson -
Gospel Lesson -

Psalm 116.5-14
John 10.7-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Respond to the Word



Ho - - ly God, Ho - ly and migh - ty,
Ho - ly im - mor - tal one, Have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker

The Things Unseen, 2 Corinthians 4:13–18

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Notes:

Refrain

This firm-ly we be - lieve, Our Sa-vior we re - ceive. Come ga-ther at this Ta-ble spread
with ho - ly wine and li - ving bread, with ho - ly wine and li - ving bread.

Passing the Peace and Preparing the Gifts

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: We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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.

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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

The Great Thanksgiving, *adapted, All Saints Day liturgy, Book of Common Prayer*

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.

With clear hearts and minds,
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: And now we give you thanks, most gracious God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and glorified in the assembly of your saints.
The glorious company of apostles and martyrs praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
We, your holy Church, acclaim you.**

Leader: In communion with angels and archangels, and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voice to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, to You we pray: The wrath of God is turned a - way;
2. That we may keep this truth in mind, Your bro - ken bo - dy here we find;



Your a - go - ny and bit - ter death Re - deemed us from e - ter - nal wrath.
Here we re - ceive Your pre - ci - ous blood, A cleans - ing sac - ri - fi - cial flood.



This firm - ly we be - lieve, Our Sa - vior we re - ceive. Come ga - ther at this Ta - ble spread
This firm - ly we be - lieve, Our Sa - vior we re - ceive, to heal us from the wounds of sin,



with ho - ly wine and li - ving bread, with ho - ly wine and li - ving bread.
cre - a - ting life and health with - in, cre - a - ting life and health with - in.

Distribute the Bread & Cup

Please note that we serve both red wine and white grape juice.
There is individually wrapped gluten free bread available.

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.

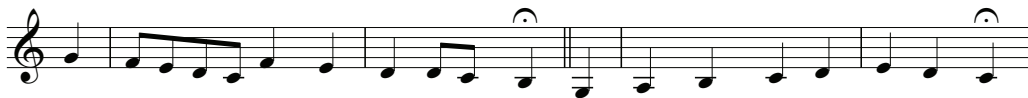
Prayer for those struggling with sin

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.

Song for Communion, you are welcome to join



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, to You we pray; The wrath of God is turned a - way;
2. That we may keep this truth in mind, Your bro - ken bo - dy here we find;
3. Our Sa - viour says: Come un - to Me, All you who feel your po - ver - ty;
4. Then praise the Fa - ther, by whose love The Son des - cen - ded from a - bove,
5. If in your heart you find this rest Which you have here in words con - fessed,



Your a - go - ny and bit - ter death Re - deemed us from e - ter - nal wrath. Ref.1
 Here we re - ceive Your pre - ci - ous blood, A cleans - ing sac - ri - fi - cial flood. Ref.1
 My mer - cy I will free - ly give, Your an - guished conscience to re - lieve. Ref.1
 Be - came the Bread of Life to thee, And bore your sins on Cal vry's tree. Ref.2
 A wel - come guest you here can be, And Christ Him - self will nour - ish thee. Ref.2



- Refrain
1. This firm - ly we be - lieve, Our Sa - viour we re - ceive. Come ga - ther at this Ta - ble spread
 2. This firm - ly we be - lieve, Our Sa - viour we re - ceive, to heal us from the wounds of sin,

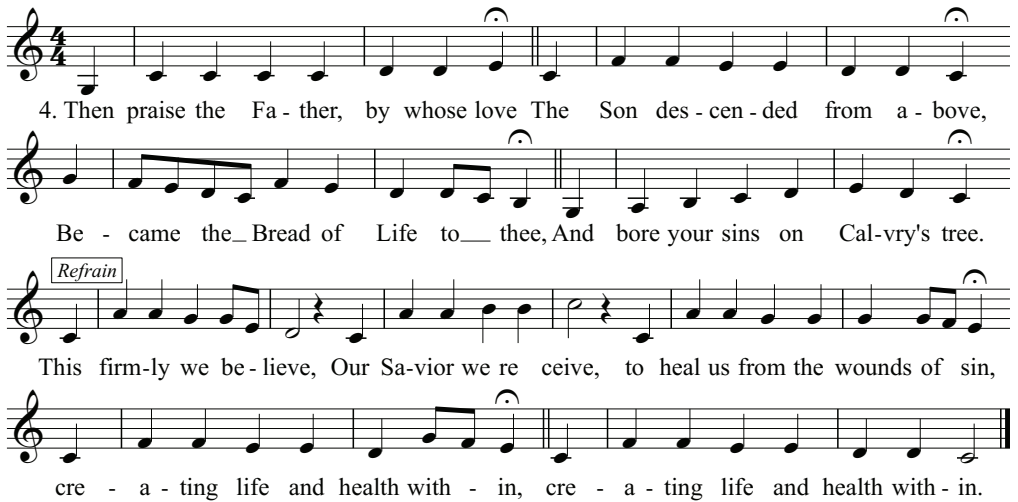


with ho - ly wine and li - ving bread, with ho - ly wine and li - ving bread.
 cre - a - ting life and health with - in, cre - a - ting life and health with - in.

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.**



4. Then praise the Fa - ther, by whose love The Son des - cen - ded from a - bove,
Be - came the Bread of Life to thee, And bore your sins on Cal-vry's tree.


Refrain
This firm-ly we be - lieve, Our Sa-vior we re ceive, to heal us from the wounds of sin,
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In Community

Announcements about Covenant events and opportunities during the coming weeks.

Go With Joy

All:



1 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - mea - sured, boundless, free!
2 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread his praise from shore to shore!
3 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - ery love the best!

Rol - ling as a migh - ty o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me!
How he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth Chang - eth ne - ver ne - ver - more!
'Tis an o - cean vast of bles - sing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest!

Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love
How he watch - es o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, 'tis a heaven of heavens to me;

lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove!
how for them he int - er - ce - deth. Watch - eth o'er them from the throne!
and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee!

O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus, Words: Samuel Francis (1834-1925). Music: Thomas Williams, 1890.

Leader: **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

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level
- Sunday School: preK-8th Grade, lower level
- High School Sunday School: Education Building, Youth Room
- Covenant Life Class: Education Building, Library
- Liturgy - Practicing in the Presence of God, lower level, All Saints Room
- Coffee and snacks available in classrooms and the Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Large Print orders of worship are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Current Mask Requirements: In accordance with the city's mask mandate, Covenant requires masks for everyone over 2 at both services and during Common Ground.



November Mercy Bin: For the month of November, Covenant is collecting donations for Breakthrough, Sunshine Gospel Ministries, and New Moms. These organizations are hosting Christmas stores to help families on the south and west sides of the city to celebrate the joy of the season through

gift giving despite financial difficulties. Please visit their online registries (<https://covenantchicago.org/mercy-bin/>) to send gifts directly to each ministry or bring gifts to Covenant by November 28 labeled with the name of the organization the gift is for. Any questions? Contact Pastor Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

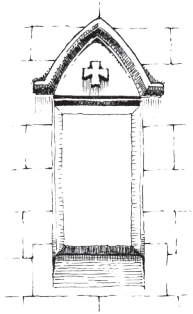
Women's Morning Bible Study: Join women from Covenant for a bible study on Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the church. The group is currently reading *How God Became King* by N.T. Wright. Women are welcome to join at any time and childcare is provided. Questions? Contact Kelley Oldham (kelley.hoover@gmail.com).

He Came Eating and Drinking: A Biblical Theology of Food. Scripture speaks of food as a source of blessing, joy, celebration and hospitality. It tells of a land flowing with milk and honey, calls Jesus the bread of life, and shows Jesus eating with sinners and disciples alike. What does Scripture have to say about food? In what ways can it illuminate the joy and brokenness in our relationship to eating and drinking? Join us during Common Ground in the Library starting on November 14 as we look at the theology of food and spend time in passages orientated around these themes. Questions? Contact Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org).

Communicants Class: The staff will teach a two-week communicants class for children. The class will address the sacraments, repentance, faith, and how we are to take the Lord's supper. The class is intended to prepare children who may be ready to take communion to talk with one of the pastors about being admitted to the table. We ask that each child in the class have a parent in attendance with him or her. The class will meet during Common Ground at 10:15 in the All Saints Room on November 14 and 21. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Ian Troll (ian@covenantchicago.org).

Covenant Musicians: If you are a musician and would like to play and/or sing with the worship team on Sunday mornings, please contact our Worship Director, Paul van der Bijl at pvanderbijl@covenantchicago.org.

The Covenant Choir needs singers! They rehearse twice a month and sing in service once a month. The next two rehearsals are November 14 and 21 and will be held in the sanctuary during Common Ground. If you would like to join the Covenant Choir contact Iva Riggs at iva.riggs@gmail.com.



Liturgy: Practicing in the Presence of God. How does participating in liturgy form us into the people of Christ? Join Paul van der Bijl and Larissa Bossemeyer for a weekly discussion to explore our liturgy, what it teaches us, and how God meets us in it. We'll meet at 10:15 in the All Saints Room on the lower level of the sanctuary. An optional podcast is available on our website: covenantchicago.org/events/liturgy/. This week, we'll look at the time of confession and assurance. Next week we'll discuss the role of the Word. Questions? Contact Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org)

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

Ushers Needed: Covenant is looking for additional volunteers to serve as ushers on Sunday morning. Ushers greet people as they arrive to church and help clean up the sanctuary after the service. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Jonathan Ellison (jellisonimages@gmail.com).

Coaches needed at Pulaski School: Pulaski School is the CPS elementary school in Covenant's neighborhood, and they're looking for volunteers to coach 5th-8th graders this year. They need coaches for track and field, girls soccer, and flag football in the Spring. Volunteering would be a great way to serve our neighborhood and help us deepen our relationship with the school! You can apply online: <https://chicagopublicschools.civcore.com/index.php?action=userLogin>. If you'd like to learn more, you can email their Parent Resource Coordinator, Michele Sherman (msherman2@cps.edu).

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.

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).

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 <https://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.

The Redemption Church at Covenant: Covenant is happy to be sharing our space with one of our sister churches, The Redemption Church. Their worship service begins in our Sanctuary at 1:30pm.

Sermon Text Next Week: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10



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

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Treasurer: Ben Harvey

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:

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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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