

the  
Weight of Glory

November 7, 2021 | 24th Sunday after Pentecost



*Space is still filled  
with the noise of destruction and annihilation,  
the shouts of self-assurance and arrogance,  
the weeping of despair and helplessness.*

*But round about the horizon  
the eternal realities stand silent in their age-old longing.  
There shines on them already  
the first mild light of the radiant fulfillment to come.*

*From afar sound the first notes  
as of pipes and voices,  
not yet discernable as a song or melody.  
It is all far off still,  
and only just  
announced and foretold.*

*But it is happening, today.*

*~ Alfred Delp, Jesuit priest, member of the German Resistance, martyr*

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.

1. I sing the migh-ty power of God that made the moun-tians rise,  
that spread the flo-wing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.  
I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o - bey.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "1. I sing the migh-ty power of God that made the moun-tians rise, that spread the flo-wing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o - bey." The score ends with a double bar line.

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God, Words: Isaac Watts, 1715. Music: Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle, 1784*

# Call to Worship

from Psalm 147

Leader: Praise the Lord!  
For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
**All: for he is beautiful, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.  
**All: He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.**

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.  
**All: Praise the Lord!  
For it is good to sing praises to our God.**

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes your glo - ries known, he formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good. and clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow by or - der from your throne; Lord, how your won-ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye, while all that bor-rows life from you is e - ver in your care, if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky! and e - very-where that I may be, you, God, are pre-sent there.

## Invocation

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*from Psalm 86*

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.  
All the nations you have made shall come  
and worship before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.  
For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.

**All: O Lord, By your Holy Spirit, visit us with your presence today. Amen.**



## 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*

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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 image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: '3. So long Thy love has held me and it still will lead me on.' The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'A - cross life's vast and stor - my oce - an till deep night is gone;'. The third staff continues with: 'And on that Morn, in your em - brace I'll be;'. The fourth staff concludes with: 'but till that day, I'll find my rest in Thee.' The music ends with a double bar line.

## Lessons from the Word

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read by Bill Heine ①, Neil Okuley ②

Old Testament Lesson -  
Gospel Lesson -

Psalm 116.12-19  
Luke 23.39-43

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

### Respond to the Word

**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

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Pastor Aaron Baker  
Good Courage, 2 Corinthians 5:1–10

<sup>1</sup> For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup> For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup> So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.





## Passing the Peace and Preparing the Gifts

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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 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

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*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](http://covenantchicago.org/give), use the QR code on page 15, or text a donation amount to 84321.*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four staves. The first two staves are a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The first staff has a vocal line with lyrics: "Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;". The second staff is a piano accompaniment. The third and fourth staves are another grand staff. The third staff has a vocal line with lyrics: "Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men." The fourth staff is a piano accompaniment. The score ends with a double bar line.

# The Great Thanksgiving

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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 truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

**All: 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.**

Leader: 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. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and 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.**

1. Je - sus! we bow be-fore thy feet; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!

Thy sa - cred flesh our souls have eat, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!

*refrain*

Hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah,

Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry Hal - le -

lu - jah. Christ our Priest, with thee we feast.

## Distribute the Bread & Cup

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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. Je - sus! we bow be - fore thy feet; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
2. Thy ta - ble is di - vine - ly stored; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
3. And here we drink our Sav - iors blood; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
4. We thank thee, Lord, 'tis gen' - rous wine Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
5. On earth is no such sweet - ness found, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
6. For the Lamb's flesh is heav'n - ly food; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!

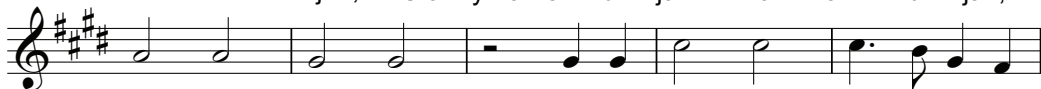


1. Thy sa - cred flesh our souls have eat, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
2. 'Tis li - ving bread; we thank thee, Lord! Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
3. Min - gled with love; the foun - tain flowed, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
4. From that dear bleed - ing heart of thine, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
5. In vain we search the world a - round, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
6. To nour - ish souls and make us new, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!

refrain



Hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah,



Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry Hal - le -



lu - jah. Christ our Priest, with thee we feast.

*Jesus! We Bow Before Thy Feet, Words: Isaac Watts, 1700s, Music, The Sacred Harp, 1850*

## 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.**



Thy ta - ble is our heav'n - ly food; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!  
Joy to the Mas - ter of the feast; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!



To nour - ish souls and make us new, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!  
To God the King, and Christ our Priest, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!

## In Community

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Announcements about Covenant events and opportunities during the coming weeks.

## Go With Joy

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All:

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, 2013*

## Leader: **Benediction**

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*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

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## 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.

**NEW MOMS** **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](mailto: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](mailto:kelley.hoover@gmail.com)).

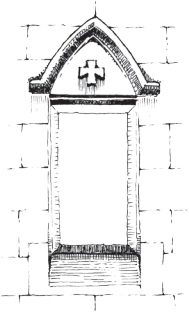
**He Came Eating and Drinking:** A Biblical Theology of Food. Scripture speaks of food as a source of blessing, joy, celebration and hospitality. It tells of a land flowing with milk and honey, calls Jesus the bread of life, and shows Jesus eating with sinners and disciples alike. What does Scripture 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](https://covenantchicago.org/events/liturgy/). This week, we'll look at the role of the Word. Questions? Contact Larissa Bossemeyer ([lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:meals@covenantchicago.org).

**Sermon Text Next Week: 2 Corinthians 5:10-21**

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## Session

Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David Dillon, Kevin Jones, Brad Lewis, Steve Lehmann, David Salsedo, Ryan Von Drehle.

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

## Diaconate

Rich Lane, Andrew Dykstra, Jonathan Ellison, Phil Koerner, Joel Miller, Shane Rector, Deb Van Der Molen, Matt Ver Steeg

**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.

circle one:

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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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