



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 am ORDER OF WORSHIP May 16, 2010

7th Sunday of Easter / Senior Sunday (honoring graduates and senior adults)

- Covenant Church welcomes children in worship. There is a nursery for infants through age two in Room 101 of the Educational wing of the church. Worship bags full of quiet activities for children to use during our services are available inside the cart that holds our name tags.
- Hearing devices and large print bulletins, bibles and hymn books are available on the credenza in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- Prayer request cards will be collected during Fellowship Moments.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

*If You forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;
if You retain the sins of any, they are retained. John 20:23*

THE GATHERING

*GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE Jim Mehler

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE Francis Hetterschite, Bagpiper

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The call of God comes into our lives at different times.

People: The call of God came to Samuel when he was young.

Leader: The call of God came to Paul in mid life.

People: The call of God came to Abraham when he was old.

Leader: God also calls us into ministry.

People: God can work through us no matter what age we are.

Leader: Let us worship the living God

ALL: And offer our praises to the Eternal One.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 275 "God of Our Life" Sandon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world, the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth.

Forgive us for taking without giving, reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, and our hands to share. May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread, and our footsteps be worthy of following, that they might lead to you. Amen.¹

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

**All who can comfortably do so, please stand.*

11:00 am Service
 *AFFIRMATION
**Born in the light of the Bright and Morning Star, we are new.
 Not patched, not mended... but new like a newborn...
 Like the morning...The guilt-blotched yesterdays are gone;
 The soul stains are no more! There is no looking back;
 There are no regrets. In our newness, we are free.
 In the power of God’s continuing creation,
 We are: New shoots from the root of Jesse,
 New branches from the one true Vine,
 New songs breaking through the world’s deafness.
 This then is a new day. New shoots, new branches,
 New songs, new day...
 Bathed in the promise of God’s New Creation, we begin!²**

TALK WITH CHILDREN - Honoring our High School Seniors
 Karen Ware Jackson
We encourage children to stay with us in worship. We try to keep the worship experience engaging and participatory for all ages. At the same time, some little ones are too restless to remain in the Sanctuary for the full hour so, with their grown-ups’ permission, they may go to Room 112 for Wiggle Worship at this time.

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS
 Please sign the fellowship pad and pass it to your neighbor.

TESTIMONY
 Suzie Shoemaker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER
All: “Our Father who art in heaven...” (Hymnal p. 16. We say debts and debtors.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM	8:30 “The Journey Is Our Home”	Allen Pote Early Birds
	11:00 “O Clap Your Hands”	Ralph Vaughan Williams Chancel Choir
NEW TESTAMENT	John 17:20-26	NT Pg. 111
	Lay Readers: 8:30 Linda Billman; 11:00 Sandy Tullett	
NEW TESTAMENT	Acts 16:1-10	NT Pg. 135
SERMON	“Road Blocks”	Tracy Keenan, preaching

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	Francis Hetterschite, Bagpiper
*Offertory Response	“Doxology” Old Hundredth
*Prayer of Dedication	
*CLOSING HYMN NO. 280	“Amazing Grace” Amazing Grace
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	“Amen” Danish
POSTLUDE	Francis Hetterschite, Bagpiper

(You are invited to stay and listen)

ANTHEM TEXT
The Journey Is Our Home Text: Nancy Hollis Dillard Music: Allen Pote
 Awake, arise, the journey's begun. We travel on together as one.
 We know not where the road will lead, but we move in faith making love our creed as we follow: The journey is our home.
 Good travelers walk with company, sharing bread with those in need.
 Giving help along the way to those who fall, who wander astray as we follow:
 The journey is our home. Join with us in jubilee. Celebrate God's family.
 Sing together joyfully, Alleluia! Praise forever more.
 God moves with us as we go, He hears our cry, our pain he knows.
 Yet far beyond the setting sun, there shines a light of a victory won: The journey is our home.

O Clap Your Hands Text: Psalm 47 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams
 O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph; for the Lord most high is terrible (awesome): He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises unto our King; for God is King of all the earth, sing ye praises, everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness. Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

HYMN NOTES
 It is all too easy to live only in the present - to forget what we owe the past, and not to put our trust in God for the future. The author of “God of Our Life,” Hugh Kerr, one-time Moderator of the PCUSA, reminds us that our daily pilgrimage is rooted in God who has guided the past, leads us daily, and will give us “our heart's true home when all our years are sped.”

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” is based on King David's review of his kingdom before the Lord (1 Chronicles 17:16-17) and entitled “faith's review and expectations.” The text is a personal testimony of a man whose early life on a slave ship was turned around by an “amazing grace” that “saved a wretch like me.” His experience has been duplicated by a host of singers who have been saved by the grace of God, and find comfort in singing this hymn

¹**Prayer of Confession** by J. Birch (www.faithandworship.com)

²**Affirmation** by Ann Weems (“New Shoots” from Searching for Shalom, 1991 Westminster/John Knox Press, used by permission)

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Andrea Eberhard, Jay Armstrong, Gerald Annis, Dianne Annis
 11:00 Cheryl Buchanan, Jim Buchanan, Lynn Elliott, Jay McLean
Greeters: 8:30 Mike Hayes, Terri Hayes, Linda Billman
 11:00 Tina Borden, Linda Hoffman, Betty Lindstrom, Deb Marsh
Musicians: Francis Hetterschite, Bagpipes; 8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in front of the pulpit are given by
 Marsha Martin in loving memory of Patti Brown.

The flowers in front of the lectern are given by Mary Jean Clouse
 and family in honor of the 80th birthday of Ellis Clouse.

Adults

- The Forum: “Montana de Luz,” Jim Mehler, Lounge
- Lay Led Bible Study, Room 121
- Parents share their lives and faith, Room 102

Youth - “Faith Questions: Being Presbyterian...” - Karen's Office
Treasure Finders - *The Story of Pentecost*, Children three years through fifth grade, begin in Room 104

Senior Sunday
 During the 11am worship service, we will honor our graduating seniors (from high school, but also anyone graduating from another degree program). A reception will follow.

New Member Classes Today & Sun., May 23, 9:45-10:45, Chapel
 Our two-part New Member Class is today and next Sunday. The class will be received by the congregation at the 11 am service on May 23. Contact Tracy (tracykeenan@covenantpcusa.org) if you are interested.

Seeds of Hope Community Garden Dedication 1:30pm
 Join us in the dedication of this mission to feed the poor in our community.

Over 80s Luncheon After 11 am Service
 The Older Adults Ministry Team is sponsoring a luncheon for those who are over 80. There will be entertainment, good food and good fellowship.

Covenant Youth 6 pm

June/July/August Communicator Info Due
 Any church group that wants to have information about events or adventures in the upcoming summer Communicator triple-issue should email to JP as soon as possible, joanpogalies@covenantpcusa.org.

Intergenerational Event on Display
 Check out the big display case decorated with posters made by the youth about some of Covenant's older adult members who live at Friendship Village. This was planned as a way for the young people to get to know some of the elders and hear their life stories as well as for the older members to spend time with the younger ones. On two consecutive Sunday evenings, they met together to talk and create these posters. Sponsored by the Older Adult Ministry Team with help from Karen Ware Jackson.

THIS WEEK May 17-22

Pentecost is coming: In honor of the coming of the Holy Spirit and of tongues of fire and of the birthday of the church, we would like you all to wear a bit of “fire” next Sunday. Wear orange, red, yellow, and we’ll see the church aflame with the love of God. Special things are planned, so we hope children will stay for the entire service. They may sit with grown ups or up front with Shane. Children who do not wish to stay may go to the nursery where they will be well loved.

May Spiritual Cinema Offering Mon., May 17
 We will go out to a theater to view a movie selected by the group based on what is playing at the time. Watch the weekly bulletins for more info or contact Beth Askue, askue.1@osu.edu, or Susan Imel, susanimel1@gmail.com or 262-7444.

Artist’s Way Courses Begin Tues., May 18 & Wed., May 19
 Two sections of “The Artist’s Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity” are planned: 2 pm, Tues., May 18, Rm 120, and 7 pm, Wed., May 19, Lounge. This 12-week course is designed to discover/recover your creative self. We’ll work our way through Julia Cameron’s *The Artist’s Way*. Info is on the welcome table or contact Susan Imel, 262-7444, susanimel1@gmail.com or Katie, katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org.

CPW's Birthday Luncheon and Program **Wed., May 19, 11:45 am**
Plan to attend this luncheon so called because we celebrate CPW and all our birthdays. A salad luncheon is provided, and the program "The Little Minyan" will be presented by Jessica Shimberg Lind. The birthday offering will be received and dedicated, and a short business meeting will follow with a vote on the by-laws revision and installation of the CPW officers for next year. Cost is \$6. RSVP Gail Brown, 457-3470, gbrown32@columbus.rr.com, or the church office, 451-6677.

Covenant Men: Connecting With God **Sat., May 22, 8-9 am, Lounge**
Interested in exploring your relationship with God over breakfast? Eggs, oatmeal or pancakes and coffee provided. Bring a breakfast item to share. We'll continue our series on *Stress: Keeping It Together When It's Falling Apart* and start a new session on *Stress from Failure*. For info, see posters in the hall or contact Jim Mehler, jimmebler@covenantpcusa.org.

NEXT WEEK May 23-29

Teacher Appreciation Brunch/Pentecost Party **Sun., May 23, 9:45 am, FH**
Treasure Finders (Sunday School students) and their families are invited to come give thanks to and for our teachers with a brunch in Fellowship Hall.

Youth Group End-of-Year Cookout **Sun., May 23, 5-8 pm**
Get ready for summer with softball practice and celebrate a great year with food and friends at Thompson Park on Lane Rd.

Play Bridge **Sun., May 23, 2 pm, Lounge**
Come as pairs or as individuals who will be paired. No reservations. Bring a snack to share and a cold drink for yourself. Hot drinks and ice provided. To pay for incidentals, \$1 per person is collected. Contact Bonnie Roussey, 451-7511.

Covenant Congratulates Doug Teske!
Doug was selected to receive a 2010 Living Faith Award of the Columbus Metropolitan Area Church Council. He will be honored Thurs., May 20, 8-9:30 am at Capital U.

LOOKING AHEAD May 30+

2010 Presbytery of Scioto Valley Adult Mission Work Trip **Oct. 9-16**
SAVE THE DATES. This trip will be a hands-on project to work with some of God's people by performing basic construction and work in poverty relief areas in Appalachia. Participants will travel to two sites near Beckley, WV and do home repair, reconstruction, and clean-up. There will be group housing with shower facilities and equipped kitchens. If you are interested in participating in this mission work trip, email Jeannie Harsh, Jeannie@psvonline.org. Application forms and detailed information will be available soon at www.psvonline.org.

CPW Annual Garage Sale **Oct. 1 & 2 (Set-up begins Mon., Sept. 27)**
As you do your spring cleaning, set aside cherished but no-longer needed items to donate to the CPW Garage Sale. *Please do not leave items at the church until Sept. 27!* This year there will be a table for handcrafted items with 100% of the income going to the Mission Pledge of Presbyterian Women for the General Mission Fund of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Your craft items will be welcome.

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS

Jean A. Mortland Memorial Scholarship Awarded to Jason Radcliff →

For the third year, Worship and Arts Commission has awarded the Mortland Scholarship to Jason R. Radcliff, a member of Covenant Church. Jason graduated with an MA from Gordon-Conwell and will be attending the University of Edinburgh in Scotland next year. Many of you will remember him from the Youth Worship Team, Youth group, and Mission trips. He left here to complete four years at Geneva College, which led him to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Thanks to 20 members of Covenant Schooners who planted 800 impatiens on the edge of the courtyard and on the east side of the building.

PiYo class will be adjourning for the summer. Last class is Mon., May 24.

Visiting Covenant? If you are visiting and would like to receive our weekly email listing of Covenant events, adventures and opportunities, send your email address to joanpogalies@covenantpcusa.org and we'll add you to the list.

COMPASS Collecting Spring/Summer Clothing.

Donate gently used spring/summer clothing and socks to COMPASS being collected by Covenant deacons who will deliver them to COMPASS downtown. Put your donations in the baskets in the narthex. Thanks for your continued support.

Family with three children in the tutor program needs a car. If you're getting rid of one that runs or know someone who is, please call Carol Petro, 485-0994.

COMPASS needs full-size toiletries: soap, shampoo, tooth brushes/paste, deodorant, razors. Place in the laundry baskets in the narthex for deacons to deliver.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Bartels	Bob Basford	Dan Belville	Marie Bernays
Eleanor Calvary	Kristin Ware Cooper	Mildred Furney	Mary Jane Greeger
Pauline Grehl	Earl Hosler	Birdine Lint	Evan Lockhart
Mary Marshall	Fred Mills	Jan Morris	Sandy McCloud
Judy Sechler	Phyllis Tate	Sally Tate	Whitney Von Voigt
Ann White	Marvin White	Steve White	

Compiled last week. For current information, check the list on the office bulletin board. Call the church, 451-6677, if you know of those who need prayers of concern or celebration. Hospitals do not automatically contact us, so we rely on you. Also pray for Covenant's mission workers; the list of their names is on the hall bulletin board.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tracy Keenan, Senior Pastor
Karen Ware Jackson, Associate Pastor Weldon Adams, Minister of Music
Katie Kinnison, Director of Christian Education Jim Mehler, Parish Associate

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Our Vision Statement
Covenant Presbyterian Church glorifies God and builds relationships with Christ and each other through:

- worship that inspires,
- nurture that embraces,
- education that challenges,
- fellowship that energizes,
- ministry that responds.



Our Mission Statement
Covenant Presbyterian Church is a dynamic congregation

- led by Christ,
- active in the world,
- inspired by the word,
- open to the future.