

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

Sunday, eleven o'clock 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time August 9, 2009

Ritual of Friendship and Congregational Opportunities

*(Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.)*

*Please sign the attendance pads at the end of the pew and turn off cell phones.)*

## Gathering in God's Name

### Sounding of the Hour

#### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the bread of life."

People: **"Whoever comes to be will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."**

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the bread of life."

People: **Give us this bread always, we pray!**

#### \*Prayer for the Day

#### \*Hymn of Praise # 423

*"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"*

#### \*Prayer of Confession

**God of life, in our sin we fall short,  
and our lives miss the mark.**

**We draw the circle of your love too small,  
favoring ourselves and excluding others.**

**We yearn for treasures that perish  
and overlook your blessings that endure.**

**Our devotion to you ebbs and flows,  
depending more on our circumstances  
than on your never-failing love.**

**Only you, Mighty God,  
can free us from the prison of our sin.**

**forgive us by your powerful love  
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Redeem us, that we may fulfill your will  
and proclaim to all the world  
the wonder of your forgiving love.**

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Watch what God does when we come in repentance and prayer.  
God loves us, God forgives us, God fills us with new life.

People: **We watch and find the One who offers us hope;  
we wait, and find the Bread which feeds us in every moment;  
we are in awe at this good news: we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### \*Congregational Response # 139 (stanza 3)

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:

Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

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## Hearing the Word of God

### Presentation of Bibles

Leader: What do we mean when we speak of "the Word of God"?

**Congregation: Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.**

Leader: Is not Holy Scripture also the Word of God?

**Congregation: Yes, Holy Scripture is also God's Word because of its content, its function, and its origin.**

**Its central content is Jesus Christ, the living Word.**

**Its basic function is to deepen our love, knowledge, and service of him as Savior and Lord.**

**Its ultimate origin is in the Holy Spirit,**

**who spoke through the prophets and apostles,**

**and who inspires us with eager desire for the truths that Scripture contains.**

Leader: Will you promise to be diligent and prayerful in your study of God's Word?

Youth: **I will, with God's help.**

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Old Testament Reading pg. 292

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

#### Anthem

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

Words & Music by Michael Joncas

Arranged by Mark Hayes

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life, Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!" And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by, flies by day; thousands about you, near you it will not come. And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; on their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

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**Children's Moments**

*\*\*Gateway to Worship*

Janet Powell

**\*Hymn of Preparation # 501**

*"Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed"*

**Gospel Reading pg. 98**

John 6:35, 41-51

**Sermon**

Heavenly Bread

Rev. Sharon Amstutz

**Responding Faithfully to God's Word**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (pg. 14 – Traditional Version)

The Apostles' Creed

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology # 138, stanza 4**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Going Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn of Consecration # 374**

*"Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Response # 535**

*"Go with Us, Lord"*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

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**\*Postlude**

*(For some, the Postlude serves as festive music to accompany their going back out into the world. Others prefer to remain seated and listen. Those departing can help those who listen by holding their joyful greeting of others until they reach the narthex.)*

\*For those who are able, please stand.

**\*\*Gateway to Worship** is our worship program for 4-year olds through first graders. The Gateway leader will take the children to their classroom in the Fellowship Hall after the Children's Moments.

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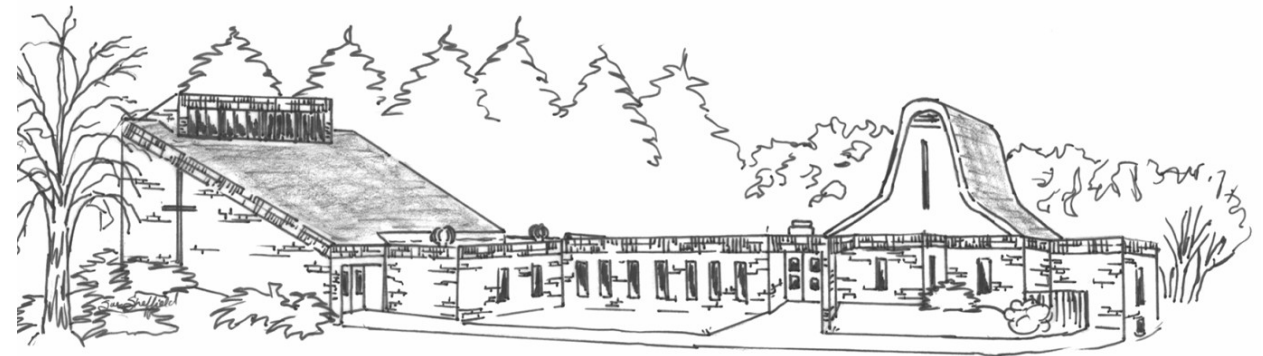
**WELCOME VISITORS!** We are glad you are here. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join with us in service to Christ.

*Please join us in the library immediately after worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*

This morning we welcome Lisa Runner, our guest pianist.

**Receiving Bibles** this morning: Third Graders: Carson Cox and Riley Cox; Ninth Graders: Jimmy Cary, Blake Jones, Sean Madden and Allura Sutter.

"Lord, in the full assembly  
I will praise you for what you have done."  
Psalm 22:25



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