

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Sunday, eleven o'clock 7th Sunday of Easter May 24, 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.)

Minute for Mission

Mission and Outreach Committee

Gathering in God's Name

Sounding of the Hour

Prelude

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Traditional African Melody

*Call to Worship

Leader: The time has come to worship our God.

People: The time has come to know God's salvation.

Leader: This is the day and hour for worship and praise.

People: This is the time and place to open our hearts to God's glory.

Leader: On this day, as all days, God is known to us.

People: In this place, as in all places, Christ reveals God's abiding grace.

Leader: The time has come—let us worship and know God's love and mystery.

*Prayer for the Day

*Hymn of Praise # 417

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

*Prayer of Confession

God our strength and shield,

your face shines on those who love justice and reject evil:

Give us grace to work for your goodness

and forsake wrongdoing;

free us from being bound by anger and fear;

alert us to acts that harm or exploit your children;

teach us to discipline ourselves in love;

stop us from doing anything that dishonors your name.

Give us courage to face the hosts of evil around us

and the selfishness and pride that threaten us within.

Protect us in the name of Jesus, who came to give eternal life. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response # 106 (refrain)

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Hearing the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Psalms pg. 489

Psalm 1

Anthem

"Christ the Way of Life Possess Me"

K. Lee Scott

Christ the way of life possess me, lift my heart to love and praise;
guide and keep, sustain and bless me, all my days.

Well of life, forever flowing, make my barren soul and bare
like a watered garden growing fresh and fair.

May the Tree of life in splendor from its leafy boughs impart grace divine
and healing tender, strength of heart.

Path of life before me shining, let me come when earth is past,
sorrow, self and sin resigning, home at last.

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Children's Moments

***Gateway to Worship*

Deborah Lewis

*Hymn of Preparation # 158

"The One Is Blest"

Gospel Reading pg. 111

John 17:6-19

Sermon

Weirdos and Hermits

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

"Amazing Grace"

Traditional American Melody

*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 # 363

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

*Benediction

*Sending Response (from red hymnal)

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you,

With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

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*Postlude

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

arr.: Cindy Berry

(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.

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.

*The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to the Hillhouse family
in the death of Chris' father, Walter Adler.*

*The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to Christian & Lauri Zembower
in the death of Christian's grandmother, Virginia Spencer.*

Tonight at 6:00 p.m.: ConneX! ConneX services are held on the fourth Sunday of every month. The service begins at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by a light dinner. Childcare will be provided. Come and be filled.

Today at Covenant

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Liturgist:	Fred Dulin
Acolytes:	Drew Amstutz & Mark Jones
Chimer:	Kalli Dulin
Gateway:	Rosemary Whitson
Nursery:	Bobbie Carroll
Coffee Hosts:	Youth Group

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People in our Prayers

The Hillhouse family, The Zembower family, Harold Wilkinson, Shirley Hines, Myma Slawson, Bill Bader (Steve's brother), Joan Vick (Carson Vick's mother), Pat Adams, Stephanie Muncie (friend of Hines family), Shelly Thornton (Gwen Hunter's cousin's 4-year old granddaughter), Missionaries Les & Cindy Morgan, Barbara Ladich, Barbara King, Barbara Thompson England (Phyllis Thompson's sister), Corrine Broyles, Ed & Marie Britt, Bob Jasman (Bobbie Carroll's father), Julia Trifiletti, Jean Merriss, Jarrod Cox (grandson of Sam Cox), Aneita Carr, Agnes Plank, Helene Herbert

*If you know of other reasons for rejoicing or concerns you would like to share with others
please complete a prayer card with your requests.*

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



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