

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

Sunday, eleven o'clock

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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: Come into the fold of the Good Shepherd, to whom we belong.

**People: The loving shepherd attends to all of our needs.**

Leader: Come and rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd, who watches over us.

**People: The faithful shepherd seeks only good for us.**

Leader: Come and praise the Good Shepherd, who loves us to the end of life.

**People: This trustworthy servant is worthy of our love and honor.**

Leader: Come and follow the way of the Good Shepherd.

**People: The self-giving shepherd is our model for loving service.**

Leader: Let us worship the one who meets us in green pastures and preserves us from danger.

### \*Hymn of Praise # 387

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

### \*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

when we stray from your ways and listen to other voices,  
you find us and bring us back:

forgive us when we cling to possessions

and neglect those in need;

forgive us when we fail to act for the good of all;

forgive us when we hesitate to welcome those from another fold.

Help us to stand before you as one flock, healed by Jesus' wounds,  
and trusting in his name alone. Amen.

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Congregational Response # 371 (refrain)

*"Lift High the Cross"*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim; Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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## Hearing the Word of God

### Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading pg. 803

Ezekiel 34:11-16

### Anthem

*"Were You There?"*

arr.: H.T. Burleigh

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Where you there?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you there?

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### Children's Moments

*\*\*Gateway to Worship*

Gospel Reading pg. 103

John 10:11-18

Epistle Reading pg. 240

1 John 3:16-24

### Sermon

The Shepherd

Rev. Sharon Amstutz

## Responding to God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith pg. 15

The Nicene Creed

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

\*Communion Hymn # 513

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

## Going Out to Serve

\*Commitment Hymn # 379

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

### \*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

*(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.

**Service Notes:**

Responses for the Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And:

**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.**

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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.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of our friends who have traveled the road before us by Bob & Betty Maletich.*

The 4-cents-a-meal offering will be received during the final hymn. You are asked to consider giving 4 cents for each meal you have eaten last month (or any amount you wish) to help feed those who are hungry. This offering supports both local and global hunger programs.

**Today at Covenant**

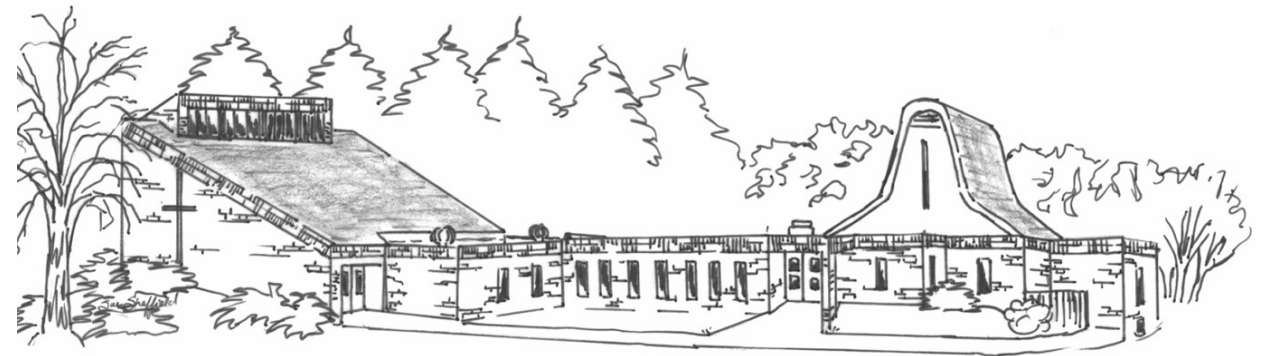
Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Liturgist:	Anne Smith
Acolytes:	Carolee Mabe & Julia Hagelberg
Chimer:	Kalli Dulin
Gateway:	Valerie Robertson
Nursery:	Melissa Hopkins
Coffee Hosts:	Youth Group

Chime Choir Early Birds

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



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