

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 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” arr.: Lloyd Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones; give thanks to God’s holy name.

People: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Leader: God has turned our mourning into dancing; he has clothed us with joy!

People: We will praise God and not be silent; we will give thanks to God forever.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 151 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Savior; Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 106 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING pg. 127 Acts 9:1-20

ANTHEM “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright, Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashion'd with the fire of life impassion'd. Striving still to Truth unknown, Soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings! Where the flock, in Thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs. Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure. Thou dost ever lead Thine own, in love of joys unknown.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

**Gateway to Worship

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 181 “Come Sing to God”

GOSPEL READING pg. 115 John 21:1-19

SERMON Fishing and Feeding Rev. Sharon Amstutz

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

People: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

—based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-7; Colossians 1:15-20

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “What Wondrous Love Is This” arr.: Lloyd Larson

*Doxology # 592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION # 85 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING RESPONSE # 507 (Stanza 5) “I Come with Joy”

*POSTLUDE “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” arr.: Charlie Miller

(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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Helen Davis to the glory of God and in honor of Apryle Fretwell, bride-elect of Jon Davis.

Inquirer/New Member Class

A class for people interested in learning more about Covenant is being offered from April 18th–May 16th during the Sunday School hour. If you would like to find out how you can serve God, worship, engage in meaningful fellowship and grow spiritually here at Covenant, come join us! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please call Sharon.

Young Adults

Would you be interested in being a part of a Young Adult Sunday School class, or a small group that meets at some other time during the week (or month)? If so, give Sharon a call at the church @ 282-5324 or find her on Facebook.

Senior Travelers’ Trip

The ETSU Bands will perform in concert at Seeger Hall at Milligan College on Sunday, April 25th at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Christian Zembower will conduct. Admission is free. (Lunch at Friebergs after the concert if interested.) Meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. and take van or carpool. Questions? Contact Gary Smith at 929-1604. Sign up in the Narthex.

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Rose Willis, Jennifer Palmer and family, Steve Bader, Pat Adams, Jean Freeman (Bill’s mother), Helen Davis, Andy Irvin and family, Elva McCartt, Roger Hecht, Peter Block, Marvin Parker (Evelyn Kemp’s cousin), Bob Hunter (Hal’s brother), Ed & Marie Britt, Corrine Broyles, Julia Trifiletti, 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.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter: Jim Starr
Liturgist: Max Wilson
Acolytes: Carolee Mabe & Grace Madden
Chimer: Sean Madden
Gateway: Matt Cary
Coffee Hosts: Bible Discovery Class
Nursery:

Covenant Chimes

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Sharon H. Amstutz
Director of Youth Ministry: Andy Irvin
Choir Director: Randy Adams
Secretary: Tina Simon
Custodian: Marie Britt
Pianist: Jennifer Palmer

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, April 18

9:00a Chime Rehearsal
10:00a Inquirer/New Member Class
4:00p Session Meeting

Tuesday, April 20

9:29a Wildflower Trip
7:00p Property Committee Meeting
7:30p AI-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, April 21

Preparation for Yard Sale (see schedule on back)
4:45p WNL!
7:30p Choir Practice

Thursday, April 22

Preparation for Yard Sale (see schedule on back)
8:00a Men's Bible Study
9:30a Women in the Bible
Noon AI-Anon Meeting
7:00p Christian Education Committee Mtg.

Friday, April 23

Preparation for Yard Sale (see schedule on back)
3:00p – 7:00p “Yard Sale for Church Members”

Saturday, April 24

8:00a Yard Sale for Youth Mission Trip

YOU HAVE MAIL:

Karen Mabe

The Presbyterian Voice

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***** Yard Sale for Youth Mission Trip *****

The youth will be holding a yard sale on **Saturday, April 24th beginning at 8:00 a.m.** to raise money for their Mission Trip and Montreat Youth Conference. If you would like to donate items for the youth to sell, we will be accepting donations **beginning today** after church. During the week, large donations can be scheduled to be picked up. Please direct all questions to Andy.

Attention: Wonderful Members of Covenant

The Youth Yard Sale is in need of volunteers! Listed below are times when volunteers are needed! Please consider assisting us by signing up for an opportunity to serve. Please call contact Andy Irvin via e-mail (cpcjctn_youth@mounet.com) if you are available. Thank you in advance for all of your help!

Wednesday April 21st

9 a.m. – Noon

- Organizing Donations and Pricing in the Fellowship Hall
- We need at least two people.

Thursday – April 22nd

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Friday – April 23rd

9 a.m. – Noon

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Noon – 3 p.m.

- Pre-Sale Set up – Finishing Touches
- General Help

3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

- Help with the “Yard Sale for Church Members”
- Check-Out Volunteers
- This is a Big Need.

Saturday – April 24th

8 a.m. – Noon

- Check-out Volunteers
- General Assistance
- THIS IS A HUGE NEED.

Noon – 3 p.m.

- Check- Out Volunteers
- General Assistance
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3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

- Clean-Up
- Organize and Prepare for Good Samaritan Pick-up

Planning Worship Together

Would you like to use your creative gifts to help the congregation lift up their voices in song, understand what God is saying to us in scripture, and joyfully respond to God in a deeper way? Do you love music, or writing, or have ideas for visual elements and symbols that might help us engage in worship more fully?

Liturgy, by definition, is the work of the people, not just the minister.

If you think you might enjoy being on a team that designs our worship services you are invited to come to an exploratory meeting on **Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m.** Older youth are welcome to come and share their gifts, too. No experience necessary!

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3rd Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2010
Sunday, eleven o'clock

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Everlasting God,
in whom we live and move and have our being:
You have made us for yourself,
so that our hearts are restless
until they rest in you.

Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,
no weakness keep us from doing it;
that in your light we may see light clearly,
and in your service find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.