

GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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 “Holy, Holy, Holy” arr.: M. Sherrill Kelsey

CHORAL INTROIT “Spirit of The Living God” Covenant Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise the Lord!
sing to God a new song.
**People: May God’s praise be heard
in the assembly of the faithful.**
Leader: Let the faithful exult in glory,
let them sing for joy!
**People: Let us praise God’s name with dancing,
making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.**
Leader: Praise the Lord!

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 256** “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of love,
you call us to love one another,
just as Jesus loved us.
You ordain us to be one with each other,
even as the Father and the Son are one.
Yet we disown our brothers and sisters;
our divisions defame your good name.
Forgive us in your great mercy.
Baptize us anew with your Spirit of love,
with grace to accept those whom you accept,
to love those whom you love,
to forgive one another as you have forgiven us,
and to live and work in united witness;
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING pg. 130 Acts 11:1-18

ANTHEM “To Love Our God” Mark Hayes

Where does the wind come from? Where does it go?
Blowing north then south, how does it know?
The rain flows gently from the sea, yet the sea is never full.
How can these things be?

Humanity works hard to make a name, toiling in the sun, yet nothing gained.
We all return from dust from whence we came. All is empty, all is vain.

To love our God, the reason we live, to love our God, the highest call.
Nothing satisfies our soul, gives life meaning,
makes us whole for the purpose we were made...to love our God.
To love our God!

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

**Gateway to Worship

GOSPEL READING pg. 108 John 13:31-35

SERMON Famous for What? The Rev. Sharon Amstutz

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** pg. 15 (Ecumenical version) The Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

***COMMUNION HYMN # 309** “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Offering
Offertory “He Leadeth Me” arr.: Lloyd Larson
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.

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**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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Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***COMMITMENT HYMN # 553** “For the Fruit of All Creation”
Alt tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING RESPONSE # 341 (Stanza 3)** “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”
Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

***POSTLUDE** “How Firm a Foundation” arr.: Michael Sharp

*(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 congregation expresses its deepest sympathy
to the Hunter family in the death of Hal’s brother, Bob.*

5 Cents a Meal Offering

The 5-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received during the final hymn. You are
asked to consider giving 5 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.

WNL! Celebration

May 12th is the last WNL! of the year and the ending celebration. God is good!
Let us celebrate the gift of this program to this church and all the participants,
workers and children. If you have ever been involved in this program or are just
interested to know what it is all about, please join us for the celebration.

We will be having a cookout at **5:45 p.m.** Burgers, fixings and dessert will be
provided. If you don't usually come to WNL! please let us know you are coming
so we know how many burgers to buy. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Following dinner, 6:30 p.m., a time for celebration and sharing about what God has
done in our lives thru WNL! will be held in the sanctuary. All are welcome to
share their experiences with WNL!

After Church Lunch – Sunday, May 9th, 12:30 p.m.

As you know, Church Night Supper has become After Church Lunch. Please bring
a side dish, salad or dessert that you would like to share with the congregation.
The entrée will be provided and prepared by the Congregational Life Committee
this month. If your dish needs to be kept warm or even heated at the last minute,
someone will be in the kitchen by 9:30 a.m. to receive your dish and your
instructions. We look forward to sharing this fellowship opportunity with you! If
you have any questions, please contact Andrea Sutter or Lauri Zembower.

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

The Hunter Family, Rose Willis, Steve Bader, Pat Adams, Jean Freeman (Bill's mother), Helen Davis, Elva McCartt, Roger Hecht, Peter Block, Marvin Parker (Evelyn Kemp's cousin), 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: Ann Freeman
Cantor: Ann Freeman
Acolytes: Kalli Dulin & Linden Hillhouse
Chimer: Blake Jones
Gateway: Chris Adler Hillhouse
Nursery: Bobbie Carroll
Coffee Hosts: Beth Amstutz, Ellen Hagelberg & Nik Hopkins
Covenant Choir

CHURCH STAFF:

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

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, May 2
9:00a Chime Rehearsal
10:00a Inquirer/New Member Class
Monday, May 3
10:30a Melting Pot
Tuesday, May 4
7:00p Congregational Life Comm. Mtg.
7:00p Outreach Comm. Mtg.
7:00p Worship Comm. Mtg.
7:30p Al-Anon Meeting
Wednesday, May 5
4:45p WNL!
7:30p Choir Practice
Thursday, May 6
8:00a Men's Bible Study
9:30a Women in the Bible
Noon Al-Anon Meeting

YOU HAVE MAIL:

Kathi Cary

Equal Exchange

Don't forget...Equal Exchange **Cranberries and Pecans** are GREAT in your salads! Find them in the Narthex with the coffee and chocolate.

Friendship Circle

Friendship Circle will meet on **Tuesday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m.** Hostess: Sally Nagel, 1919 Waters Edge Drive, 928-0853. Co-Hostess: Margaret Sullenger. To carpool, meet at the church at 7:15 p.m.

New to Covenant?

If you are new to Covenant and would like to receive Church announcements and the monthly newsletter via e-mail, please call the church office at 282-5324 or contact us at cpcjctn@mounet.com. If you would prefer to receive a printed copy of the newsletter, please contact Tina in the office. (You may also fill out the pink form on the table in the Narthex and leave it in the offering plate on Sundays or on Tina's desk in the office.)

Who Is Going To Camp This Summer?

With the camp fees being *reduced* and *online registration* available, why not go ahead and register for camp now! If you have young people (children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews), who are planning to attend or interested in attending Holston Camp this summer, having them registered will help the camp in finalizing staff and volunteer needs. You can go to www.covenantpresjc.org and click on the link for Holston Camp to check availability, fees and register. Happy Camping!

With Gratitude

Thanks to everyone for the warmth and caring with which my parents, Fern and Jim Kemp, were welcomed during their extended visit this winter, and for the continued interest and support shown to me. They left for Michigan mid-March. My mom continues to decline and prayers are appreciated for her and for my dad, who is her primary caregiver. Thanks, Evelyn.

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5th Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2010
Sunday, eleven o'clock

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Loving God,
for each one who leads us in worship today,
we pray that they may be so filled
with your Spirit
that they will clearly reflect
the glory of Christ
in all they say and do.
We pray that everyone in this place
will know you are with us
and be drawn to bring you all honor and praise.
Amen.