

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 based on Psalm 99:1-3

Leader: The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.
People: **God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**
Leader: The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.
People: **Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,
and worship God upon the holy mountain.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy God, mighty and immortal,
you are beyond our knowing,
yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ,
whose compassion illumines the world.
Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ,
who renewed our humanity through his life, death, and resurrection—
the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 481 *“Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show”*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess that we have praised you with our lips
but have not glorified you with our lives.**
**Have mercy on us, we pray,
for our weak faith that fades under pressure,
for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly dies,
for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue.**
**Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in your power,
that we may live for justice and tell of your loving-kindness
by our acts as by our words, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 603 (Stanza 2) *“Song of Simeon”*

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING pg. 81 Exodus 34:29-35

ANTHEM *“Beautiful Savior”* F. Melius Christiansen
Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands,
robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forever more be Thine!

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

**Gateway to Worship

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 75 *“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”*

GOSPEL READING pg. 69 Luke 9:28-43

SERMON What Happens on the Mountain The Rev. Sharon Amstutz
Doesn’t Stay on the Mountain

RESPONDING 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 # 309 (Stanza 3) *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION # 306 *“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

*BENEDICTION

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

*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 **Jennifer Palmer** at the piano.

“Come , let us worship...” the Worship Committee would love for anyone who is interested to visit our meeting on any 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., and to think about joining our committee in the joyful work of making each worship service as meaningful as it can be. Sue Sheffield, Chair.

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Next Sunday, February 21st, the Good Samaritan Food Offering will be received. This month they need: baby foods, finger foods, baby cookies, small cans of Spaghetti-o’s and soup, packages of macaroni and cheese, instant oatmeal, cereal, cream of wheat, peanut butter and jelly, pudding and Jell-o cups, fruit cups, juices, instant dry milk, and diapers.

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Ash Wednesday service - The season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. A service of penitence and confession will be held in the sanctuary at **7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening** as we begin our journey to the cross and empty tomb. The imposition of ashes will be offered. Because of declining interest in recent years, a congregation-wide supper will no longer be offered prior to the service.

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Lent

Several small community groups will be meeting **weekly during the five weeks between the first Sunday in Lent (February 22nd) and Holy Week**, which begins with Palm Sunday on March 28th. Each group will begin with a light lunch or supper together and be centered around a different theme or Bible study.

Here is a brief description of the groups:

Celebrate the Risen Christ- Would you like to be able to study the scripture that is read each Sunday in greater depth? Then this is the study for you. Dig deeper with Harry and Janet Powell and get even more out of worship on Sunday. Meets Tuesdays at noon at their home. (Beginning Tuesday, February 23rd)

Prayer - Are you satisfied with your prayer life? If not, or if you would just like it to be richer, sign up for Christian and Lauri Zembower's group which meets in their home Tuesday evenings at 6:30. (Beginning Tuesday, February 23rd)

Bread in the Wilderness is the name of the study that Cheryl Rice will be leading. God sometimes (often?) takes us out into the wilderness, but never leaves us there to starve to death! This study looks at some of the stories in the Bible about God's always-faithful care, even in the midst of struggles and the 'dry' times and places of life. It meets in her home on Tuesday evenings at 6:00. (Beginning Tuesday, February 23rd)

Simplicity - This is the group for you if having a lot of stuff hasn't made you happy, and you're thinking about not trying to keep up with the Jones' anymore. Jim and Sharon Amstutz will lead this group on Monday nights at 6:30. An appropriately simple meal of soup or stew will be served. (Beginning Monday, February 22nd)

Groups begin in one week, so sign up soon!

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter: Jim Starr Chimer: Sean Madden
Liturgist: Bobbie Carroll Gateway: Karen Mabe
Pianist: Jennifer Palmer Nursery: Matt Cary
Acolytes: Philip Hagelberg Coffee Hostesses: Jeter Collins & Helen Davis
Mark Jones

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, February 14 Chime Rehearsal
9:00a
4:00p Session Meeting
6:00p Church Night Supper
Monday, February 15
COURIER DEADLINE
Tuesday, February 16
7:00p Christian Ed. Comm. Mtg.
7:00p Property Comm. Mtg.
7:30p Al-Anon Meeting
Wednesday, February 17
ASH WEDNESDAY
4:45p WNL!
7:00p Lenten Service
7:45p Choir Practice
Thursday, February 18
8:00a Men's Bible Study
9:30a Women in the Bible
Noon Al-Anon Meeting
Friday, February 19
Middle School Lock-In

CHURCH STAFF:

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

We need pictures! We are in need of CURRENT pictures for the church's website. If you have, or would be willing to take pictures (digital) of groups, activities, classes, etc...around the church, we would love to have them. Just email them to Tina. cpcjctn@mounet.com

PLEASE NOTE that we are no longer collecting clothing for Good Samaritan. If you have clothing you would like to donate, please take it directly to them. Good Samaritan is located downtown at 100 N. Roan Street.

Young Adult Volunteer Update!

Blake Jones has posted a bulletin board with information on **Lynnea Hunter's** activities in **Belfast**. It is in the hallway leading to Fellowship Hall. Take a few moments and look at the books and pictures.

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, February 28 for a visit to Belfast, Northern Ireland! We'll chat with Covenant's Missionary, Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Lynnea Hunter. She'll join us electronically for a SpudFest in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. (Spudfest is a Covenant tradition. Enjoy a meal of baked potatoes and salad. All donations will benefit the YAV mission.)

Help Wanted

Position: Director of Covenant's Wednesday night children's program.
Hours: Wednesday evenings 4:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Responsibilities: Recruit leaders of children's activities, develop schedule for the year, recruit meal teams and or meal team leader, monitor Wednesday night activities.
Experience: No experience necessary. On-the-job training will be provided if position is filled by April 10th.
Compensation: Fulfillment of knowing you help to provide Christian education to the children of our church. Fellowship with church leaders and members of all ages. Lots of smiles and occasional hugs.

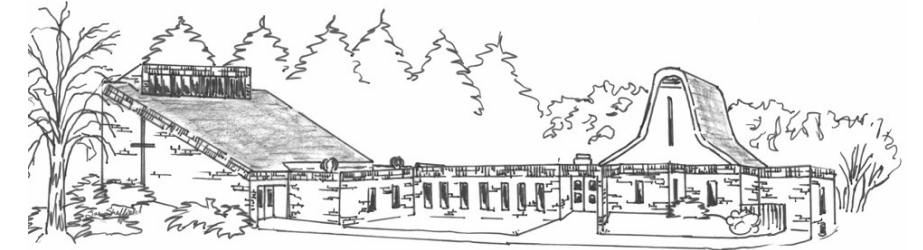
Please call the church office if you are interested in this important volunteer opportunity!

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Steve Bader, Pat Adams, Jean Freeman (Bill's mother), Helen Davis, Rod Irvin (Andy's father), Elva McCartt, Roger Hecht, Peter Block, Marvin Parker (Evelyn Kemp's cousin), Bob Hunter (Hal's brother), Ed & Marie Britt, Shelly Thornton (Gwen Hunter's cousin's 4-year old granddaughter), 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.

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Transfiguration of the Lord
February 14, 2010
Sunday, eleven o'clock

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.
Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.
Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.
Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort.
Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.
Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.