

GREETING

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

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Interlude on RESIGNATION (Ps. 23)* Gilbert Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: How awesome to gather before God!
We are here to celebrate with wide-eyed wonder.
People: The God of all worlds is with us.
Praise God for this season of Easter.
Leader: Praise God for all the signs of new life.
Praise God for all we can do together.
People: Praise God for the life and ministry of Jesus.
Praise God for all who share that ministry today.
Leader: Christ came to offer us abundant life.
We are here today to reclaim that gift.
People: We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.
We want to follow in the steps of Jesus.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 276** *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* FAITHFULNESS

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (sung)** *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 111 (v. 1)** GELOBT SEI GOTT

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”
Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HISTORICAL LESSON pg. 120 Acts 2:42-47

ANTHEM *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* Ewald V.Nolte

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never,
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.

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MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

****Gateway to Worship**

GOSPEL READING pg. 103 John 10:1-10

SERMON Easter Community: Rev. Barbara Edema
Fences and Gates and Good Shepherds

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN # 387** *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”* BRADBURY

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (pg. 14 – traditional version) The Apostles’ Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER pg. 16 (Traditional version)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *“Fairest Lord Jesus”* Flor Peeters

***Doxology** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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***Prayer of Dedication**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN # 172** *“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”* RESIGNATION

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: You have been claimed by God, our Good Shepherd.
Know God, not as stranger, but as friend.

People: God is our shepherd; we shall not want.
God leads us daily and restores our souls.

Leader: Easter continues, for Christ lives in us.
Jesus came that we might have abundant life.

People: Daily we receive God’s goodness and mercy.
Our cups overflow with God’s generosity.

Leader: Let us devote ourselves to the apostles’ teaching.
Let us pray and break bread together.

People: We find our lives in giving them to others.
In Christ, we discover the joy of service.

Leader: Amen.

People: Amen.

***POSTLUDE** *Trumpet Tune* Raymond Haan

(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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Hearing devices and large-print Hymnals are available in the back of the sanctuary; and a limited number of large-print bulletins are on the table in the Narthex. (Please let us know if more large-print bulletins are needed for future services.)

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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 following worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to Evelyn Kemp in the death of her mother, Fern Kemp.

Entered into the Church triumphant: Bernice Beasley.

Third Thursday Dinner - May 19th

The Congregational Life Committee invites you to join your fellow Covenant members for our monthly Third Thursday dinner. Our next dinner is scheduled for May 19th at 6:30 at The Firehouse. Kids are always welcome (and we can even arrange for them to have their own table if there's interest). Please contact Lauri Zembower (620-3625 or broncofan524@yahoo.com) if you think you’ll be attending so we can get a count for the tables. Hope to see you there!

Called Meeting - Today

The Session has called a meeting of the Congregation/Corporation for **this morning immediately following the service** for the consideration of establishing a Line of Credit and modifying the existing mortgage. *(continued on back)*

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4th Sunday of Easter - May 15, 2011



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

A Psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Psalm 23

Today at Covenant:

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Liturgist:	Christian Zembower
Soloist:	Lynnea Hunter
Acolytes:	Kalli Dulin & Grace Madden
Chimer:	Cameron Hopkins
Gateway:	Valerie Robertson
Nursery:	Janice Irvin
Coffee Fellowship:	Dave & Sharon Benner

This Week at Covenant:

<u>Today, May 15</u>	
9:00a	Chime Choir Practice
11:00a	Worship Service
	Following worship Called Mtg. of Congregation/Corporation
<u>Monday, May 16</u>	
	COURIER DEADLINE
11:00a	Board of Pensions Mtg. in Fellowship Hall
6:00p	Way of Discernment Small Group Study
<u>Tuesday, May 17</u>	
7:00p	Property Committee Meeting
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Wednesday, May 18</u>	
7:15p	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday, May 19</u>	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
9:30a	Women's Bible Study
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
6:30p	Third Thursday Dinner (at The Firehouse)

Church Staff:

Pastor:	Rev. Sharon H. Amstutz
Temporary Supply Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema
Director of Youth Ministry:	Andy Irvin
Music Director:	Larry Brandenburg
Secretary:	Tina Simon
Financial Secretary:	Anne Webb
Custodian:	Marie Britt

(Called Meeting, continued)

The Stewardship Committee policy has been to have at least 10% of the annual budget in reserve and we have currently been running about 6%, or \$17,000. This amount would pay for the essential expenses of Covenant for one month.

State of Franklin Bank has offered to modify our current mortgage with a current balance of approximately \$54,700 to a Line of Credit in the amount of \$80,000. The outstanding balance of the mortgage at the time of the modification will be transferred to the Line of Credit. This will leave approximately \$25,000 available as a reserve. The LOC will require a minimum of interest payments monthly on any balance withdrawn and any amount paid above that would be applied to principal. The Line of Credit would be renewable each year at no charge with a variable interest rate at Wall Street Journal Prime. The rate however shall not go below 5.25%. This is a reduction from our current rate of 6%.

The bank will not charge any fees to accommodate this loan and there is no charge to renew it each year. There may be some attorney's fees in the range of \$200. This would be the only expense.

Our plan is to continue to make the current mortgage payment plus any additional in order to continue to reduce the overall debt and pay off the mortgage within the currently projected time of three years. As the mortgage is paid down the Line of Credit available would increase.

Church Directory

We are in the process of **updating** our church directory (not a photo directory at this time). If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or e-mail address, **or if we don't have your information at all**, please contact Tina in the church office at 282-5324 or office@covenantpresjc.org or fill out one of our green information slips located on the table in the Narthex and leave it on her desk. Thanks!!

People in our Prayers

Evelyn Kemp & her family, Barbara & Jerry Ladich, Bob Maletich, Julia Trifiletti, Roger Hecht, Jack Fletcher, Marie Britt, Hazel Rowe, Jim Crandall, Catie Cheek, Ted Bair (Lynnea Fisher's father), Chris Adler Hillhouse, Arlene Wilkinson, Corrine Broyles, Rose Willis, Hazel Hinkle (John Merriss' sister-in-law), Patricia Chafin (former member of Covenant), John Brumit (Betsy Moakler's brother), Max Wilson, Pat Adams, Vi Block, Elva McCartt, Patsy Young (Butch Carr's cousin), Arthur "Bud" & Eileen Kelsey; Joyce Ford; Tim Jones; Bill Gose, and Dr. Joe Walton (friends of Butch & Harriette Carr)

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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