

**GREETING**

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

**RITE OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

**SOUNDING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** “Oh, Praise the Gracious Power” Wayne Wold

**CHORAL INTROIT** “The Lord’s Prayer” Christy Weir

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come again to celebrate resurrection.  
God gives us new birth into a living hope.  
**People: Death has no power over us.**  
**Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.**  
Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ!  
Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.  
**People: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.**  
**God shows us the path of life.**  
Leader: Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you.  
Come to receive life in Christ’s name.  
**People: We rejoice in God’s amazing good news.**  
**In God’s presence, we find fullness of joy.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 121** “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” PUER NOBIS

**\*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)**

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!” GELOBT SEI GOTT  
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. 119 Acts 2:14a, 22-32

**ANTHEM** “Because You Live, O Christ” arr. Alice Parker  
(See hymn # 105 for text)

**MOMENT FOR CHILDREN**

\*\*Gateway to Worship

**GOSPEL READING** pg. 115 John 20:19-31

**SERMON** Easter Community: Where? Rev. Barbara Edema

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*HYMN # 117** “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!” O FILII ET FILIAE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “Thanks to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ” J.S. Bach

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Lord’s Table  
Words of Institution  
Communion of the People  
Prayer after Communion

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN # 122** “Thine Is the Glory” JUDAS MACCABEUS

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: Jesus says to us again: Peace be with you.  
As God has sent me, so I send you.  
**People: We receive God’s peace into our lives.**  
**We will go where Christ sends us.**  
Leader: Feel the wind, the breath of God.  
Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
**People: We are empowered as disciples and apostles.**  
**We will learn and serve in Jesus’ name.**  
Leader: Blessed are all who trust and obey.  
God will give you counsel and instruction.  
**People: Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.**  
**We are learning the way of life God intends.**  
Leader: Amen.  
**People: Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE** “Now, Let the Vault of Heaven Resound” David N. Johnson  
*(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.*

**This morning we welcome the Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema to the pulpit.** (Barb is filling in for the pastor for the month of May.) Barb is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America (RCA). She has served churches in Grand Rapids and Chelsea, Michigan. She received her Doctor of Ministry degree from Western Theological Seminary in 2005. She is married to Dr. Doug Edema, is the mother of Elise, Lauren, Alana and Wes, and stepmother to Becky and Todd. Barb, Doug and Wes moved to Johnson City in November 2010. (Please see the May newsletter for more about Barb!)

**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.

**After Church Lunch - May 8, 2011**

After Church Lunch for May will be (the very popular) “**Breakfast for Lunch**”. Do you have a wonderful egg casserole that is to die for? How about a fabulous coffee cake that makes your mouth water just to think about it? Please bring your favorite breakfast food to share with your church family. 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.

**Called Meeting - May 15, 2011**

**The Session has called a Congregation / Corporation Meeting for Sunday, May 15 following worship.** The meeting is to seek approval of a plan to refinance the remaining portion of our mortgage and establish a line of credit as an emergency reserve.

## Presbyterian Women - Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

### Friendship Circle: 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Rose Willis; Co-Hostess: Helen Davis  
2734 E. Oakland Ave., #C-24, J.C., 282-3325; Lesson Nine

### Joy Circle: 7:00 p.m.

Hostess: Donna Bridwell; Discussion Leader: Margie McGonagle  
9 Boles Drive, J.C., 939-9534; Lesson Nine

## Young Adult Monthly Gathering - May 13<sup>th</sup>

The Covenant Young Adults are meeting on **Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Lauri & Christian Zembower's home.** Please bring a small dinner-something to share. If you have questions, call 828-266-1917 or email Lynnea Hunter at [lynneahunter@hotmail.com](mailto:lynneahunter@hotmail.com). (for more, see the May Courier)

## Third Thursday Dinner - May 19<sup>th</sup>

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:broncofan524@yahoo.com)) if you think you'll be attending so we can get a count for the tables. Hope to see you there!

### **Corrections to the May Courier:**

- Joy Circle Discussion Leader will be Margie McGonagle.
- The birthdays listed on the Refrigerator Page are for May (not April).
- There should not be a "0" in the middle of the word "Volunteer" (did anyone catch that one?)

**Gentle Reminder:** If you are here for a night meeting, or WNL, or choir practice, please remind each other to be sure all of the doors are locked when you leave! Thank you!!

### People in our Prayers

Barbara & Jerry Ladich, Bob Maletich, Julia Trifiletti, Fern Kemp (Evelyn's mother), 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, Lattie Collins, 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.*

## Today at Covenant:

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Liturgist:	Wes Wright
Younger Youth Choir Directors:	Anne Smith & Sue Sheffield
Acolytes:	Philip Hagelberg & Linden Hillhouse
Chimer:	Carolee Mabe
Gateway:	Kathi Cary
Nursery:	Fred Dulin
Coffee Fellowship:	Lauri Zembower / Janet Powell
Covenant Younger Youth Choir	

## This Week at Covenant:

<u>Today, May 1</u>	
9:00a	Chime Choir Practice
11:00a	Worship Service
<u>Monday, May 2</u>	
10:30a	Melting Pot
6:30p	Way of Discernment Small Group Study
<u>Tuesday, May 3</u>	
7:00p	Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00p	Worship Committee Meeting
7:30p	AI-Anon Meeting
<u>Wednesday, May 4</u>	
5:00p	WNL!
7:30p	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday, May 5</u>	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
9:30a	Women's Bible Study
Noon	AI-Anon Meeting

## Church Staff:

Pastor:	Rev. Sharon H. Amstutz
Temporary Supply Pastor	Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema
Director of Youth Ministry:	Andy Irvin
Music Director:	Larry Brandenburg
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# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 1, 2011  
Sunday, eleven o'clock



### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Your Easter people gather to praise you, amazing God.  
Continue to make your ways known to us.  
Fill us with your presence.  
We cannot live apart from you.  
Your counsel and instruction are with us day and night.  
We have only to open ourselves to your direction.  
Inspire in us fullness of joy, we pray, as we respond in faith to the risen Christ and embrace the tasks you set before us.  
Build us our sense of community that we may truly care for one another through all life's trials. Amen.