

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 “Romance” W.S. Lloyd Webber

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God has called us together for this time of worship.
God is listening to our thoughts and to our speaking.

**People: God inclines an ear to us and hears us.
God knows us better than we know ourselves.**

Leader: Let us open our hearts to the One who gives us life.
Let us set our faith and hope in God.

**People: In one another’s presence, we renew our vows.
Together we offer our thanksgiving sacrifice.**

Leader: God’s promises to us are ancient and ever new.
God is with us here and on all the roads we travel.

**People: Together we lift our voices in songs of praise.
Together we recognize we are precious in God’s sight.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 507** “I Come with Joy” DOVE OF PEACE

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (sung)** “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

***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. 119, 120 Acts 2:14a, 36-41

ANTHEM “Be Thou My Vision” Traditional Irish Melody

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I need not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright Heav’ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

**Gateway to Worship

GOSPEL READING pg. 90 Luke 24:13-35

SERMON Easter Community: Rev. Barbara Edema
What Happened on That Road?

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN** “Come to Us, Beloved Stranger”

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

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Air” Jonathan Battishill

***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 # 281** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: We have been called away from a corrupt generation.
We have been ransomed from our futile ways.

**People: Life’s meaning is not to be found in silver or gold.
We have found new life in trusting God.**

Leader: We have been born anew through God’s enduring word.
We embrace a living faith and hope.

**People: We purify our souls through obedience to truth.
We love one another deeply from the heart.**

Leader: Christ is alive in our midst.
Christ goes with us along all life’s roads.

**People: We go out to serve in Christ’s name.
May the love of Christ find expression in us.**

Leader: Amen.

People: Amen.

***POSTLUDE** “Praise The Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him” Jerry Westenkuehler

*(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; large-print bulletins are on the table in the Narthex.

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.

After Church Lunch - Today!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship for After Church Lunch. We look forward to sharing this fellowship opportunity with you!

Good Samaritan Offering

Next Sunday, May 15th, the **Good Samaritan Food Offering** will be received. This month they need: small (single-serving size) canned vegetables, fruits, meats and soups with pop-top lids, packs of pudding and Jell-o cups, small jars of instant coffee, creamer and sugar packets, crackers, small jars of peanut butter and jelly, and packs of raisins.

This morning we again welcome the Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema to the pulpit. 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.

We also welcome organist Alan Hunter, who is a member of the choir at First Presbyterian in Bristol. A member of the American Guild of Organists, Alan frequently fills the much-needed role of substitute organist throughout the Tri-Cities. We appreciate his contribution to our worship this morning.

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:	Beth Amstutz
Organist:	Alan Hunter
Duet:	Sue Sheffield & Anne Smith
Acolytes:	Julia Hagelberg & Carolee Mabe
Chimer:	Kalli Dulin
Gateway:	Cornelia Shelnut
Nursery:	Linda Dulin

This Week at Covenant:

<u>Today, May 8</u>	
11:00a	Worship Service
12:30p	After Church Lunch
<u>Monday, May 9</u>	
6:30p	Way of Discernment Small Group Study
<u>Tuesday, May 10</u>	
1:30p	Friendship Circle
5:00p	H.R. Committee Meeting
7:00p	Joy Circle
7:30p	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Wednesday, May 11</u>	
5:00p	WNL! (final)
7:30p	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday, May 12</u>	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
9:30a	Women's Bible Study
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Friday, May 13</u>	
7:00p	Young Adults Gathering (at Zembower's)

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 10th

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 13th

The Covenant Young Adults are meeting on Friday, May 13th 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. (for more, see the May Courier)

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!

A Note from Holston Camp

We have an exciting series of camps planned for this summer and are looking forward to a great summer. If you are planning on attending a camp or know of someone who is planning on attending and has not signed up, please do so. You can quickly register on the camp website, www.holstoncamp.org. This will be a great help in finalizing plans for a great week in the mountains, exploring God's word and world. Thanks, *the Camp Staff*

Thank You

Thanks for the prayers for my cousin Marvin Parker over the past year. You may remember he fell from a tree during hunting season and had multiple spinal fractures. He continues to have a lot of pain and will probably never go back to work. However, he is able to walk and that is a miracle. *Evelyn Kemp*

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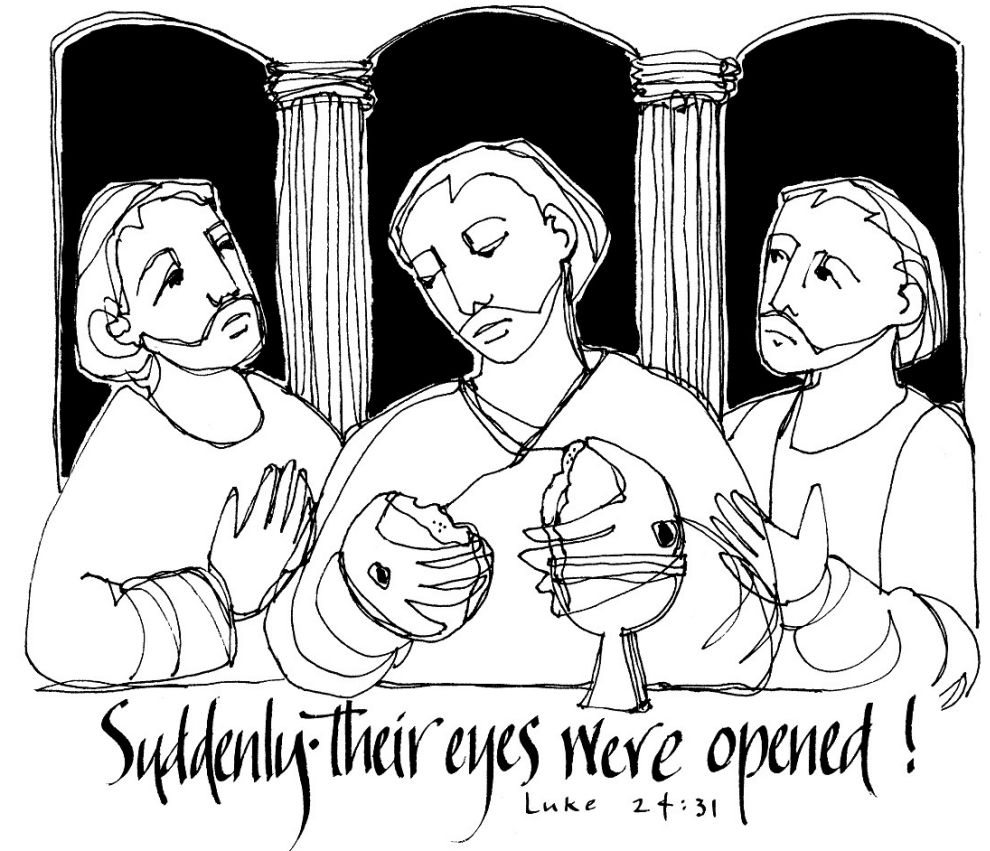
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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Easter - May 8, 2011



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I love the Lord,
because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant,
the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!