

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Jessica Patchett, associate minister
Daniel Heath, contemporary worship leader
Sally Graves, usher team leader

Singing

Jeff Cox, Pam Jepsen, Rachel Justice, Jolene Powell

Instrumentalists

Alan Becker (acoustic guitar), Jerard Benson (bass), Tim Gordon (saxophone), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Justin Wherry (percussion)

Sound and Visuals

Cleveland Elam (video), Natasha Johnson (projections),
Dave Welchman (sound)

Leading Other Services

Jen Christianson, pastoral resident
Rob Dicks, assistant director of traditional music
Grady Moseley, parish associate
John Richardson, director of traditional music and principal organist
Ben Unger, carillonneur
Joan Watson, associate minister

Lenten Worship Banners

Ron Boozer, Anna Ferone, Katherine Roehrig, Anne White, Anne McQuiston, Katherine Richey, Cheryl McLawhorn, Katherine Lawson

The silk banners displayed in the sanctuary were created by members of the worship arts team during a weekend arts retreat with artist Lisle Gwynn Garrity. Working from the scriptures chosen for the six Sundays in Lent, the team collaborated to visually proclaim themes and images found in the scriptures as a whole. In their study, they discerned an overall theme of the duality of sin and grace, highlighting that our journey into the wilderness brings us through valleys that expose the depth of our pain and brokenness, while also guiding us to triumphant peaks where we are transformed by God's grace. Each banner explores different facets of our journey into the wilderness.

Note to Parents: During the school year, Sunday School is offered in the Education Wing for preschool and elementary aged children at 9:30 a.m. Child care will be offered on the First Floor during 11 a.m. services; elementary aged children may go to the Kindergarten room (EW120).

WELCOME TO COVENANT

Join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Circle, where today's preaching minister will be glad to greet you. You also may learn more about our life of faith together at our website or on Facebook.

Interested in joining Covenant? We welcome new members every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. We also welcome new members on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall Library at 12 p.m.

Each Sunday, we offer education and fellowship opportunities in the mornings and evenings for children, youth and adults in the Education Wing and Fellowship Hall. Please see the digital signs for details.

Covenant expects and gladly welcomes many first-time and repeat visitors. By introducing yourself and sharing a warm greeting, you express the hospitality of our congregation. Please share a smile and welcoming word with those around you.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF MARCH 9)

Birth

Julianna and Taylor French (and big sister Huntley)
on the birth of their daughter, Margaret Elizabeth French, on February 27

Baptisms Today at Covenant (11 a.m. Sanctuary)

Presley June Mills, daughter of Alison and Adam Mills
Smith Whitney Young, son of Sarah and Brent Young

In Need of Healing Prayer

Neta Caldwell
Susan Hickok
Carlyle Hill
Roy Joslin
Katherine Lawson
Arthur Morehead
Amy Sullivan
Bob Taylor

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, March 12, 2017
9:30 a.m.

SANCTUARY

Covenant Presbyterian is a dynamic Christian community that gladly invites all people into a transformational experience of faith; boldly proclaims the gospel; bravely works toward a whole and just world; and passionately nurtures discipleship.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 12, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Covenant; we are glad you are here. Children are always welcome in worship. Child care and children's programs (ages 6 weeks to fifth grade) are offered in the Education Wing. Infant soothing rooms with live video of the worship service are available in the balcony and parlor. See an usher for assistance.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Responsive Reading of Scripture (Psalm 121)

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

You, O God, keep our lives now and forever.

He will not let your foot be moved,
he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

You, O God, keep our lives now and forever.

The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

You, O God, keep our lives now and forever.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

You, O God, keep our lives now and forever.

Safe From Harm B. Winans²

If I lose my life, I will find again

I will soar on eagle's wings and then

Ever cease from war, rest in Jesus arms

For the Lord, He's good and I am safe from harm

It's the Lord that gives, heard the prophets say

And I will bless His name, though he takes away

I will trust, not fear, naught to be alarmed

For the Lord, He's good and I am safe from harm

I'm safe, I'm safe

In the eye of the storm, there's calm

For the Lord He's good

My soul is safe from harm

So when the tear ducts swell and my strength has gone

I will still believe when His name I call

He will rescue me for dusk turns to dawn

For the Lord He's good and I am safe from harm

I'm safe, I'm safe

In the eye of the storm, there's calm

For the Lord He's good

For the Lord He's good

For the Lord He's good

My soul is safe from harm

* You are invited to rise in body or spirit

Welcome & Announcements

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Your Grace Is Enough* M. Maher³

**New Doxology* T. Ken, T. Miller⁴

*Prayer of Adoration

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

I Want Jesus To Walk With Me. African American Spiritual

(Sung first by the worship team, then by all)

I want Jesus to walk with me

I want Jesus to walk with me

All along my pilgrim journey

I want Jesus to walk with me

(prayer response)

I want Jesus to walk with me

I want Jesus to walk with me

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

A Time with Young Disciples

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory, forever. Amen.

Listen God Is Calling Kenyan tune⁵

(Sung first by the worship team, then by all)



Offering

Poor, Poor Joseph. T. Rice, A. L. Webber⁶

Next day far from home

The brothers planned the repulsive crime

Let us grab him now

Do him in while we've got the time

This they did and made the most of it

Tore his coat and flung him in a pit

Let us leave him here all alone and he's bound to die

When some Ishmaelites a hairy crew came riding by

In a flash the brothers changed their plan

We need cash let's sell him if we can

Poor, poor Joseph, what'cha gonna do?

Things look bad for you hey what'cha gonna do?

Poor, poor Joseph, what'cha gonna do?

Things look bad for you hey what'cha gonna do?

Could you use a slave you hairy bunch of Ishmaelites?

Young strong well-behaved

Going cheap and he reads and writes

In a trice the dirty deal was done

Silver coins for Jacob's favorite son

Then the Ishmaelites galloped off with the slave in tow

Off to Egypt where Joseph was not keen to go

It wouldn't be a picnic he could tell

Joseph: And I don't speak Egyptian very well

Joseph's brothers tore his precious multi-coloured coat

Having ripped it up they next attacked a passing goat

Soon the wretched creature was no more

They dipped his coat in blood and guts and gore

Oh now brothers how low can you stoop?

You make a sordid group hey how low can you stoop?

Poor poor Joseph sold to be a slave

Situation's grave hey sold to be a slave

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading

Genesis 37:23-28. Old Testament, p. 33

Sermon

Joseph's Journey: 13 Years a Slave Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: Journeys In The Wilderness

**Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

**Guide My Feet*. Spiritual