

## THE WORSHIP SERVICE

### Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister  
Grady Moseley, interim minister of congregational life, pastoral care  
Julia Watkins, pastoral resident  
Jason Graffis, director of contemporary worship and arts  
John Hairr, usher team leader

### Sharing the Gifts of Music

Gerard Benson (bass), Amber Brown (vocals), Paul Fisher (drums),  
Pam Jepsen (vocals), Noelle Lewis (vocals), Jolene Powell (vocals)

### Audio and Visuals

Cleveland Elam (video), Joel St. Onge (visuals),  
Dave Welchman (audio)

### Leading Other Services

Ian Clark, pastoral resident  
Robert Dicks, assistant director of traditional music & organist  
Heather Potter, director of traditional music  
Kenney Potter, choral conductor  
Burton Mackey, carillonneur

### The Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of the risen Lord Jesus by Libba and Mike Gaither

### Cover Image

*The Phoenix Resting in the Palm Tree* is located on the west nave of the Chapel at the top of the window nearest the narthex entrance. The phoenix, illuminated by the Star of David, and the palm tree affirmed the resurrection of Christ and the triumph of life over death to 1st Century Christians by the syncretism of early Christianity with the Hellenized Egyptian and Roman cultures in which Christianity developed. Although criticized for incorporating incompatible ideas, syncretism that embraces the universal and respects particularity reduces religious tension and promotes mutual understanding and acceptance of the Other. The German Jewish philosopher Martin Buber describes an I-Thou relation that does not objectify, but welcomes the stranger as neighbor and brings us closer in relationship to God. Reference: Lev. 19:34; Deut. 10:19; Job 29:18; Ps. 92:12; Gal. 3:28; Heb. 13:2; et al. Photo © 2017 Jonsilla.com.

### 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 is 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 in each building for details.

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

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF APRIL 18)

### Welcome New Members

Please welcome Brian Happell; and Rick and Ashley Thurmond and daughter, Molly, into our church family.

### Death in the Church Family

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to Anita and Gale Pendergraph on the death of his sister, Doris Baird, on April 16, and rejoices with them in the assurance of the resurrection.

### In Need of Healing Prayer

Judy Gaffney  
Lamont Hudson  
Frank Mansfield  
Lillian Neal  
Helen Neubauer  
Polly Smith  
Bob Taylor  
Robert M. Taylor  
Barbara White

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

9:30 a.m.

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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

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 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

*After the Storm* . . . . . Mumford & Sons<sup>1</sup>

And after the storm, I run and run as the rains come  
And I look up, I look up, on my knees and out of luck, I look up.  
Night has always pushed up day  
You must know life to see decay. But I won't rot, I won't rot  
Not this mind and not this heart, I won't rot.  
And I took you by the hand and we stood tall,  
And remembered our own land, what we lived for.  
But there will come a time, you'll see, with no more tears.  
And love will not break your heart, but dismiss your fears.  
Get over your hill and see what you find there,  
With grace in your heart and flowers in your hair.  
And now I cling to what I knew. I saw exactly what was true  
But oh no more. That's why I hold,  
That's why I hold with all I have. That's why I hold.  
I won't die alone and be left there.  
Well I guess I'll just go home, oh God knows where.  
Because death is just so full and man so small.  
  
Well I'm scared of what's behind and what's before.

*Roll Away Your Stone* . . . . . Mumford & Sons<sup>2</sup>

Roll away your stone I will roll away mine  
Together we can see what we will find  
Don't leave me alone at this time  
For I'm afraid of what I will discover inside  
You told me that I would find a home  
Within the fragile substance of my soul  
And I have filled this void with things unreal  
And all the while my character it steals  
And darkness is a harsh term don't you think  
And yet it dominates the things I see  
It seems that all my bridges have been burned  
But you say 'That's exactly how this grace thing works'  
It's not the long walk home that will change this heart  
But the welcome I receive with every start  
Stars hide your fires. For these here are my desires  
And I won't give them up to you this time around  
And so I'll be found  
With my stake stuck in this ground  
Marking the terr'ry of this newly impassioned soul  
And you, you've gone too far this time  
You have neither reason nor rhyme  
With which to take this home that is so rightfully mine

*Now The Green Blade Riseth* . . . . . J. Crum, M.Shaw<sup>3</sup>

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain  
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain  
Love lives again that with the dead has been  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green  
In the grave they laid Him Love whom men had slain  
Thinking that never He would wake again  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen  
Forth He came at Easter like the risen grain  
He that for three days in the grave had lain  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen  
When our hearts are wintry grieving or in pain  
Thy touch can call us back to life again  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been

*Call to Worship* . . . . . Luke 24:1-6a

*Easter Song* . . . . . A. Herring<sup>4</sup>

Hear the bells ringing they're singing. That we can be born again  
Hear the bells ringing they're singing. Christ is risen from the dead  
The angel upon the tombstone said. He is risen just as He said.  
Quickly now go tell His disciples. That Jesus Christ is no longer dead  
Joy to the world, He is risen alleluia. He's risen alleluia

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*\*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* . . . . . C. Wesley

*\*Come People Of The Risen King* . . . . . K. and K. Getty, S. Townend<sup>5</sup>

*\*Prayer of Adoration*

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Easter Affirmation

Liturgist: The desert will sing and rejoice  
**People: And the wilderness blossom with flowers:**  
Liturgist: All will see the Lord's splendor  
**People: See the Lord's greatness and power.**  
Liturgist: Tell everyone who is anxious:  
**People: Be strong and don't be afraid:**  
Liturgist: The blind will be able to see:  
**People: The deaf will be able to hear:**  
Liturgist: The lame will leap and dance:  
**People: Those who can't speak will shout.**  
Liturgist: They will hammer their swords into ploughs  
**People: And their spears into pruning-knives;**  
Liturgist: The nations will live in peace;  
**People: They will train for war no more.**  
Liturgist: This is the promise of God;  
**People: God's promise will be fulfilled.**

<sup>4</sup>You are invited to rise in body or spirit

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.**

Offering

*Hallelujah (A Soulful Celebration)* arr. Warren, Jackson, Kibble, et al<sup>8</sup>

**Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord  
and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!**

## GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Telling . . . . . Danette Rosenberg, teller  
John 20:1-18 . . . . . New Testament, p. 108

Sermon

It's About The "Why?" . . . . . Bob Henderson

*\*Oh Happy Day* . . . . . E.R. Hawkins<sup>9</sup>

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Invitation*

Liturgist: The cross,  
**People: We shall take it.**  
Liturgist: The bread,  
**People: We shall break it.**  
Liturgist: The pain,  
**People: We shall bear it.**  
Liturgist: The joy,  
**People: We shall share it.**  
Liturgist: The gospel  
**People: We shall live it.**  
Liturgist: The love,  
**People: We shall give it.**  
Liturgist: The light,  
**People: We shall treasure it.**  
Liturgist: The darkness,  
**People: God shall perish it.**

Benediction

Benediction Response

*\*Easter Song Reprise* . . . . . A. Herring<sup>4</sup>