

Covenant Presbyterian Church

11:00 a.m.

Austin, Texas

March 10, 2019

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Donald Busarow

WELCOME

Please sign the friendship register at this time and pass it down the row, then return it to its original position, noting the names of those worshipping with you. At the conclusion of the service, take time to greet one another in the name of Christ.

INTROIT

Thank You, Lord

Diane Davis Andrews

Music Makers and Sunshine Singers Choirs

Thank you, Lord, for giving us life, right where we are. Alleluia, praise the Lord, right where we are.

Thank you, Lord, for giving us love, right where we are. Alleluia, praise the Lord...

Thank you, Lord, for giving us friends, right where we are. Alleluia, praise the Lord...

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 145

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King.

People: I will bless your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

People: Let us declare the mighty acts of God!

All: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymn 68

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-7

New Testament, page 850

SERMON

The Shepherd

Thomas Daniel

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

How Deep the Father's Love
(see words and music on page 3)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

William P. Rowan

The Sanctuary Choir

based on AUSTIN

Come to me, O weary traveler, come to me with your distress,

Take my yoke and leave your troubles;

Come to me you heavy burdened, come to me and find your rest.

Take my yoke and come with me.

Do not fear, my yoke is easy, do not fear, my burden's light;

Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.

Do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.

Rest in me, O weary traveler, rest in me and do not fear.

Sylvia Dunstan, based on Matthew 11:28-30

Rest in me, my heart is gentle, rest and cast away your care.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) **Loving God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too often the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have failed to do what we know to be right and we continue to do that which we know is wrong. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and restore us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

Craig Phillips

Congregation:

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. Below the staff, the lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

**Those who are able, please stand*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PARDON

*RESPONSE TO OUR FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)

Hymn 734

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD, Swedish Folk Song

The Sanctuary Choir

adapted Stuart K. Hine, arr. Dan Forrest

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art!

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND 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.

*PARTING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymn 440

*RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Pastorale: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Dale Wood

New Members

Kyle Bosse, Lauren Bosse, Mary Beth Bosworth, Tim Bosworth, Regina Budet, Adrienne Carter, Alex Crawley, Will Crawley, Christine Erwin, Amy Felker, Jason Fischer, Lauren Fischer, Pat Fitzgerald, Stacey Fitzgerald, Vernita Gordon, David Hallonquist, Yvette Hallonquist, Dan Hart, Brian Haws, JJ Jackson, Andrew Lenharth, Jim McNabb, Caitlin Moore, Rich Moore, Frank Newman, Lou Ann Newman, Hilary Owen, Nick Owen, Tony Pfalzgraf, Nancy Quesada, Elizabeth Ray, Jessica Richards, Jeff Rogers, Ed Seymour, Dale Truitt, Roy Truitt, Kenneth Walker, Nancy Walker, Charlene Wiegrefe, Daniel Wiegrefe, Mary Wilson, Will Wilson, Laura Wommack, Joel Wommack

Assisting in Worship

Jill Williams at 9:30 and 11:05, Jon Wasson at 11:00

Lay Liturgists – Marilyn Adams at 8:15, Kathryn Sedberry at 9:30, Frank Sheppard at 11:00

Music Makers Choir – Barb Miaso, director

Sunshine Singers Choir – Emily Jones, director, and Melanie Dixon, accompanist

The Sanctuary Choir – Paul Pew, guest conductor

Organist – John Schmidt

Daniel Izquierdo preaching at 11:30 at Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó (our sister church in Cuba)

Thomas Daniel preaching at 11:05 in the Contemporary Worship Service

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Stacy and James Curtis in honor of their three wonderful children, Cody, Hayley, and Ryan Curtis.

How Deep the Father's Love

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, How vast be - yond all meas - ure, that
2. Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders; a -
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no power, no wis - dom; but

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scoff - ers. It
I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

wounds which mar the cho - sen One bring man - y ones to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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Encouraging one another to follow Jesus
wherever we live, work, and play.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL – If you're looking for a Lenten practice of prayer and scripture reading, we invite you to pray and read with us every day by subscribing to the daily devotional email: covenant.org/dailydevo.

NEW BIBLES – Thank you to Covenant Foundation for placing more than 180 Bibles in the sanctuary to ensure that every person has access to a Bible during the worship service!

To see if you have one of the new Bibles, open the front cover and look for the Foundation nameplate. Please visit covenant.org/foundation to learn more about the Foundation and how it serves Covenant.

For more information about events at Covenant, please see *Covenant Matters*.

NEW TO COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

Welcome! We are thankful you have chosen to worship with us today! Please introduce yourself by signing the red welcome booklet in each pew. Find out more about our community at the coffee bar in FE200 following the service. Our prayer is that Covenant becomes your second family. We want you to feel comfortable here and hope that we can help you find ways to grow in your faith. For more information on Covenant's many groups, programs, and events, head up to the coffee bar in our Fellowship & Education Building to visit with Amy Skaggs or contact her at askaggs@covenant.org. Amy is eager to meet and discuss ways of connecting. You can also find out more by visiting our website at covenant.org.

Four services of worship are offered each Sunday — 8:15 a.m. (a traditional communion service), 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (traditional services) and 11:05 a.m. (contemporary service). A shuttle service carries worshipers from the parking lot at the Texan Eye Center at 5717 Balcones Drive at Northland Drive, two blocks west of campus. Shuttle service runs from 7:55 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

COVENANT PRAYS

Prayers of celebration and joy: Michael Gregory Neff, born February 26. Parents are Julie Winn and Greg Neff. Grandparents are Keni and John Neff.

John Henry "Hank" Beacham, born January 29. Parents are Abby and Bo Beacham.

Prayers of sympathy and support: Susan and Larry Zatopek, family and friends, on the death of Susan's mother, Evelyn Crawford, on March 1.

Scott and Mary Moore, family and friends, on the death of Mary's father, Karl W. Pfleiderer, Jr., on February 21.

Tony Moreno, family and friends, on the death of his wife, Gloria Moreno, on February 11.

Prayers for recently hospitalized: John Winkler.

Prayers for: T.J. Chapman, Lou Heenan, Rebekah Urban, Jim Clayton, Dick McCracken, Helene Maham, Jeff Rogers, Sr., Larry Madson, Bill McGavran, Charlie and Sydney Luellen, Helen Paust, Bridget Lonseth, Lois Davis, Tana Taylor, Louis Anderson, Priscilla and David Phinney, Bob Sebesta, David Pena, Dave Ferguson, Louise Saxon, Jessica Mann Charters, Riley Furlong.

Prayers for people serving in our country's armed forces: Lt. Will Beckham, USAF 2LT Gonzalo Hernando, USMC Capt. Katherine Ashton, USA Sgt. Jessica Choe, USA 2LT Ben Smith, USN LCDR Bryan Gunkel, USAF Lt. Katy Deiters, USAF A1C Taylor Cotham, USA Maj. Seth Pruett, USA Capt. Matt Irwin, USN LCDR Austin Wade Latour, USAF Lt. Col. Joseph Chennault, USA SFC Kevin Guy.

Prayers requested by or for our sister church, Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó, in Havana Cuba: Continued prayers for Melisa Olivera and Silvia Fondén. Thanksgiving for brothers and sisters walking beside us in tornado disaster recovery efforts. ¡Alabanzas al Señor!

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: International Justice Mission and Belize team serving during Spring Break.

Prayers requested by the Session: Prayers for the new connections and communities formed through small groups this Lenten season.

Drive-Thru Prayer Requests: For healing, travel mercies, cancer care, patience, good weather for building, Bible study, asthma, health, premature baby, financial challenges, depression, illness, alcohol, business success, children, peace, comfort, help, anxiety, lymphoma, job change, medical procedures, grief, courage, strengthening of faith, flu, school tests, thanksgiving, co-workers, family, friends, job search, spouse's health, relationship with parent, children with depression, graduation and job selection, God's direction, discernment, counseling help, housing, discipline, restraint, forgiveness, recovery, strength, healing after divorce, a faith community, fellowship and support, trust in God, blessings for children.

Although prayer requests will be removed from this listing after three weeks, please contact Kay Austin in the church office, 512 334-3030, or kaustin@covenant.org, if prayer continues to be requested.

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