

Covenant Presbyterian Church

9:30 a.m.

Austin, Texas

April 7, 2019

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

O God, Be Merciful to Me

Johann Sebastian Bach

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.

PRAISING GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 18

Leader: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

People: You are my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.

Leader: In you we find refuge from the storms of life.

People: You are our shield and our stronghold.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Morning Has Broken

Hymn 35

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) We confess, gracious God, that we fall into the trap of a divided heart. There is so much in the world that is attractive, and so many people and things that require of us our allegiance. Without a firm center we live fractured lives. Our agendas are without organization, and our commitments are without priority. Forgive us, O God, for keeping you on the periphery of life. Enable us to seek first your Kingdom, and its righteousness, that we might have a holistic purpose in our living. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

David Johnson



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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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

Give Me Jesus

Traditional

The Sanctuary Choir

arr. L.L. Fleming

O, when I am alone, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

O when I come to die, give me Jesus...

And when I want to sing, give me Jesus...

And when I am alone, give me Jesus.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

New Testament, page 854

SERMON

Labels

Thomas Daniel

** Those who are able, please stand*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

For Everyone Born
(see words and music on page 3)

Brian Mann

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Break the Bread, Pour the Wine*
The Sanctuary Choir
Laura Pitner, oboe

Mark Hayes

Come to the table, wounded soul, come, taste his sorrow, be consoled.

Drink the suffering of the Lord, broken spirit, be restored.

Refrain: Break the bread, pour the wine, share the feast, come and dine.

All are welcome, none denied, every hunger satisfied.

Come to the table, all forlorn, come, taste his presence, be transformed.

Drink the memory of the Lord, and be lonely nevermore. *Refrain.*

Come to the table, dying life, come, taste his body, be revived.

Drink the mercy of the Lord, everlasting life is yours. *Refrain.*

Pamela Martin

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Albert Hay Malotte

Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be Thy name. Thy king-dom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly
bread, And for-give us our debts, as we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-
ta - tion but de - liv - er us from e - vil; For Thine is the king - dom, and the
power, and the glo-ry for - ev - er, A - men. A - men.

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*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

Labels for Zacchaeus:

1. Chief Tax Collector
2. Rich
3. Short
4. Sinner

Jesus' Labels for Zacchaeus:

1. Zacchaeus
2. Son of Abraham

For Everyone Born

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
for young and for old, the right to be - long,

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

(☺) Fine
jus-tice and joy!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Jon Wasson at 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 and Jill Williams at 11:05

Lay Liturgists – Marilyn Adams at 8:15, Cheryl Banks at 9:30 and Kathryn Sedberry at 11:00

The Sanctuary Choir – Louise Avant, Interim Director

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 Carol and John Douglas in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

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

ANNUAL MEETING – The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held today, Sunday, April 7, 2019, at 12:10 p.m. in FE 200 (immediately following the 11:05 worship service).

Boxed lunches will be available for the first 75 individuals. A donation of \$6 per meal is suggested.

FORMATION COHORTS FORMING NOW - Come and learn more on the patio today and Sunday, April 14.

Three new cohorts will begin a year-long journey to establish rhythms of spiritual and missional practices in January of 2020.

Each formation cohort is made up of 15 to 20 men and women who participate in four retreats, monthly cohort video calls, and short weekly spiritual practices.

Find information and express interest during the month of April at covenant.org/IMF.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – Again this year, Covenant will observe and celebrate

Jesus' last evening with his disciples on Maundy Thursday, April 18, from 6 to 8 p.m.

We will meet in homes throughout Austin for an evening of fellowship, a potluck meal and communion.

These will be informal gatherings for the whole family, though a few homes will be designated adults only.

For more information and to sign-up online, go to covenant.org/maundythursday2019.

Contact Kathryn Sedberry at ksedberry@covenant.org with questions.

BE A SOMEBODY! - Children and Family Ministry invites you to Be a Somebody in the life of a child

by volunteering for Vacation Bible School. In June, we are looking for 25 volunteers to lead, connect, mentor and serve. All 5-day volunteers will receive lunch and inspiration each day.

Visit our table on the patio for a treat and more information.

Easter Week Services at Covenant

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST – A fun breakfast will be served on the patio for early church-goers after the 6:30 a.m. sunrise service and until 8:00 a.m.

Holy Week Services:

Monday, April 15: Noon service and lunch
Tuesday, April 16: Noon service and lunch
Wednesday, April 17: Noon service and lunch
Maundy Thursday, In Homes, April 18: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
(See page 4 for more information)
Good Friday, April 19: 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Services, April 21:

Sunrise Service: Patio 6:30 a.m.
Traditional Services: Sanctuary at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Services: FE 200 at 9:30 and 11:05 a.m.

On Easter Sunday, please take advantage of our parking shuttle to open spaces for our many expected visitors. The shuttle will run from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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 for recently hospitalized: Tom Murphy, Helen Turnquist, Claire Williams

Prayers of sympathy and support: Gail and Howard Neal, family and friends, on the death of Howard's father, William Howard Neal, on March 29.

Betty Chapman, family and friends, on the death of her husband, TJ Chapman, on March 27.

Family and friends of Marjoree Bryant on her death on March 26.

Julie and Gary Stillwell, family and friends, on the death of their daughter, Caroline Booth, on March 24.

Dorothy Layne, family and friends, on the death of her husband, Len Layne, on March 22. Memorial service will be at Covenant at 2:30 p.m. today, April 7.

Julie and Robert Bou, family and friends, on the death of Julie's mother, Del Hagman, on March 21.

Laura and Joel Wommack, family and friends, on the death of Joel's grandmother, Chris Wommack, on March 14.

Prayers for: Page Harris, Richard Swallow, John Erlewine, Jackson Sutton, Marie Burns, Lou Heenan, Rebekah Urban, Laurel Ross, Ray Hustead, Dick McCracken, Jeff Rogers, Sr., Larry Madson, Bill McGavran, Bridget Lonseth, 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 Dora Arce, Zaida and Silvia Fondén. Thanksgiving for Iliana's successful surgery and Melisa Olivera's recovery. Pray for safe travels for Osvaldo, Yamila, Yamilet, Daniel y Nilda. Please pray for our holy week preparations. ¡Alabanzas al Señor!

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: Drive-A-Senior West Austin and Skip Crowe at Search Ministries.

Prayers requested by the Session: Lord, give us a sense of community that stretches far beyond any perceived differences between individuals to include all of your beloved 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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