

Covenant Presbyterian Church

9:30 a.m.

Austin, Texas

May 5, 2019

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Exultation
The Pro Musica Handbell Choir

Matthew Compton

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

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

People: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

People: And drink the water of life.

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

People: And be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now, all who seek,

All: And be warmed by the fire of love.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

To God Be the Glory

Hymn 66

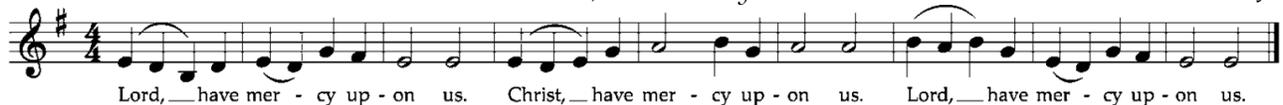
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

David Johnson



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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.

ANTHEM

Nothin' Gonna Stumble My Feet

Greg Gilpin

The Sanctuary Choir Women

I been a walkin' with the Lord for many a day. Tryin' to abide in the straight and narrow way.
But when my time on Earth is done and I hear my name these weary feet are gonna run.

Refrain: No, not gonna stammer, not gonna trip, not gonna stumble, no, I'm not gonna slip.
No, nothin' gonna stumble my feet, when I go to walk that golden street.

Now the devil is a liar and a cheater, too. And if he gets his way, he'll make a slider out of you.
But if you listen for the Spirit's voice in the moment of truth He'll help you make the right choice. *Refrain*

Not gonna waver, falter, sway or fall. Not gonna tumble or slide. Not gonna stumble at all. *Refrain*

John Parker

* Those who are able, please stand

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Reverberation

Sallie Lloyd

The Pro Musica Handbell Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36-53

New Testament, page 861

SERMON

The Business of Transformation

Whitney Bell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Hymn 551

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

I Lift My Eyes

Bob Chilcott

The Sanctuary Choir Women

I lift my eyes to the quiet hills in the press of a busy day;
As green hills stand in a dusty land so God is my strength and stay.

I lift my eyes to the quiet hills to a calm that is mine to share;
Secure and still in the Father's will and kept by the Father's care.

I lift my eyes to the quiet hills with a prayer as I turn to sleep;
By day, by night, through the dark and light my Shepherd will guard his sheep.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

(see music and words on page 3)

Albert Hay Malotte

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

In Thee is Gladness

Johann Sebastian Bach

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

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

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

The Sanctuary Choir Women– Louise Avant, Interim Director

The Pro Musica Handbell Choir – Linda Rutherford, Director

Organist – John Schmidt

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

Whitney Bell preaching at 11:05 in the Contemporary Worship Service

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Laura and Chuck Mendenhall to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for this congregation's prayerful support.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

FORMATION COHORTS FORMING NOW - Come and learn more on the patio today.

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 until May 5 at covenant.org/IMF.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS MUSICAL – Our children's choirs will present the musical

"Oh, Jonah!" on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

Based on the Biblical story of the prophet Jonah, it's a tale involving responsibility, repentance and listening for the word of God in our lives. It's also about accepting people who are different from us and believing that there is mercy and compassion for all who turn toward God. In other words, it's a story about us!

FAITH AND WORK WORKSHOP - Mark Roberts, Executive Director of the De Pree Center at Fuller Theological Seminary, will lead a workshop on May 18th devoted to helping Christian marketplace leaders live intentionally and wisely as disciples of Jesus in their daily work.

For more details go to covenant.org/faithandwork.

SPRING CONCERT – The GraceNotes Vocal Ensemble and The Sanctuary Choir

will present a spring concert on Sunday, May 19 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Come join us for an afternoon of wonderful music. You'll hear an array of anthems of the church, hymns, spirituals and more including the works of Mozart, Dan Forrest, Mark Patterson, Anton Bruckner, and Moses Hogan.

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 sympathy and support: Betty McChristian, family and friends, on the death of her husband, Clarence McChristian, on April 28.

Leslie and Gaines Bagby, family and friends, on the death of Leslie's father, Richard Guinn, on April 23 in OK.

Joy and Noel Durrant, family and friends, on the death of Noel's mother, Marcine Durrant, on April 23.

Mary Helen and Tom Mitchell, family and friends, on the death of Mary Helen's mother, Helen Turnquist, on April 14. Memorial service at Covenant at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 1.

Family and friends of Tony Moreno on his death on April 10.

Prayers for recently hospitalized: Jerry Noel, Marv Hackert.

Prayers for: Hazel Nichols, Peyton Zachry, Claire Williams, Lynn Beierle, Jane Hoffman, Tom Murphy, Kay Sockol, Kurt and Darla Martens, John Erlewine, 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: For Anáis Regueiro Pérez and Zaida. During this joyous 50-day Easter season: ¡Alabanzas al Señor! From Pastor Abel: Please pray for the grave and very difficult situation in Cuba about which there is great uncertainty. Our hope is only in God. From Pastor Daniel: Prayers for wisdom, so that the church will bear witness and hope.

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: Movin' & Groovin,' and Julie and Allen Weeks at Austin Voices for Education and Youth.

Prayers requested by the Session: Prayers of thanksgiving for the elder, trustee, and deacon classes of 2019 rolling off in May, who have tirelessly served Covenant, the congregation, and the Kingdom the last three years..

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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