

Covenant Presbyterian Church

9:30 a.m.

Austin, Texas

June 16, 2019

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Toccatina on "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Albert V. Fedak

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 98-1-6

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

**People: The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations;
has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.

Leader: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

All: With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn 96

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) **God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

You Shall Have a Song

Z. Randall Stroope

The GraceNotes Vocal Ensemble

You shall have a song and gladness of heart
As in the night when a holy solemnity is kept.
As dew from heaven falls and nourishes the earth,
"Holy," we sing, "Holy, holy!"
Now the sunrise with its streaming ray of righteousness,
And the earth in one accord singing,
"Holy, holy, holy!" and gladness of heart,
You shall have a song.
Isaiah 30:29

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Acts 3:1-10

New Testament, page 886

SERMON

ACTS: THE JOURNEY CONTINUES
A New Gaze

Jill Williams

**Those who are able, please stand*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Hymn 480

PRAYER OF EXAMEN

PRESENCE

GRATITUDE

REVIEW

PRAYER

EXPECTATION

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

I'll Fly Away

Albert Brumley

The GraceNotes Vocal Ensemble

arr. Shawn Kirchner

Some bright mornin' when this life is o'er, I'll fly away.

To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

Refrain: I'll fly away, O Lordy, I'll fly away.

When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away!

To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away! Refrain.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 34

*PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE 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

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn 502

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision

John G. Barr

Assisting in Worship

Thomas Daniel at 9:30, Jon Wasson at 11:05

Lay Liturgists – Mike Austin at 8:15, Bretna Hackert at 9:30

The GraceNotes Vocal Ensemble – Louise Avant, Interim Director and Michael Shuman, Director
Organist – John Schmidt

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

Jill Williams preaching at 11:05 in the Contemporary Worship Service

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Cherry and Bob Raley with thanksgiving for the blessing of marriage on the 50th anniversary of their wedding on June 12th.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Melissa, Laura, Christopher and Charlotte Ream in honor of Jan and Scott Ream's 50th wedding anniversary on June 14th.

Examen

Presence: Become aware of God's presence. Spend a moment in silence in the company of the Holy Spirit asking God to bring clarity to your day.

Gratitude: Recall one or two things that happened today for which you can be grateful. What gifts did you receive today? What gifts did you give? Thank God for these gifts.

Review: Review your day from beginning to end and notice where you felt God's presence. Pay attention to your emotions. When did you love? When were you loved? When were you known? When did you know others?

Pray: Choose one experience of the day and pray about it. Ask God to lead your prayer to something specific about today. Maybe it's a significant encounter or a feeling you experienced. Whether the prayer be repentance, gratitude, praise, or intercession, spend a moment praying.

Expect: Look toward tomorrow. Ask God to grant you the wisdom, courage, and grace you will need to meet tomorrow's challenges. Again, pay attention to your feelings about tomorrow. Are you anxious? Stressed? Cheerful?

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

MEET ALI AND MICHAEL – Covenant's newest employees,

Ali Bolsinger and Michael Shuman, will be at the coffee bar this Sunday from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Please come by and meet Covenant's new Director of Middle School Ministry and new Director of Music Ministry.

The coffee bar is located in the lobby of the Fellowship and Education Building.

COVENANT SUMMER – Want a quick look at the key events happening at Covenant this summer?

We've put the highlights on an easy-to-access webpage. Visit covenant.org/summer2019.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES – the summer worship schedule of three services will continue through August 11.

Two traditional worship services at 8:15 and 9:30 and a contemporary service at 11:05 a.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.

Three worship services are offered each Sunday this summer through August 18 — 8:15 a.m. (traditional communion service), 9:30 a.m. (traditional service) and 11:05 a.m. (contemporary service). A shuttle service carries worshippers 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: Lacy and John Ruwwe, family and friends, on the death of John's mother, Mary Adele Ruwwe, on June 9.

Mary Beth and Tim Bosworth, family and friends, on the death of Mary Beth's father, Ray Husted, on April 26.

Prayers for recently hospitalized: Jane Crowe, Gail Ross, Judy Embrey.

Prayers for: Robin Moore, Mieke Varenbrink, Jacque Schmidt, Pat Noel, Mary Margaret Willman, Tom Kelman, Jim McNabb, Jerry Noel, Scott Trull, Mike Aycock, Marv Hackert, Hazel Nichols, Peyton Zachry, Claire Williams, Lynn Beierle, Jane Hoffman, Kay Sockol, John Erlewine, Marie Burns, Lou Heenan, Rebekah Urban, Laurel Ross, 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, Jessica Mann Charters, Riley Furlong.

Prayers for people serving in our country's armed forces: USA 1LT 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 Lt. Col. Seth Pruett, USA Capt. Matt Irwin, USN LCDR Austin Wade Latour, USA SFC Kevin Guy.

Prayers requested by or for our sister church, Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó, in Havana Cuba: June travel mercies for Pastor Daniel. For Pupito's healing. Grant our church wisdom to bear witness and reassurance that leads to placing our hope in the Lord particularly in this grave and very difficult season in Cuba.

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services and Julie and Allen Weeks at Austin Voices for Education and Youth.

Prayers requested by the Session: Prayers of gratitude for the pastors, directors, and staff who support and lead this congregation with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

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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