

Covenant Presbyterian Church

8:15 am

Austin, Texas
Second Sunday of Easter

March 30, 2008

PREPARATION

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

PRELUDE

PRAISING GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus,
who died but is risen and rules over all.

People: **We praise you for his presence with us.**

Leader: Because he lives, we look for eternal life . . .

People: **Knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come
can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Hymn 289

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted;
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy
Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Hymn 734

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

* - Those who are able, please stand

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:15-23

New Testament, Page 956

SERMON

WILL THE REAL JESUS PLEASE STAND UP!
The Real Jesus and His Mission

Rick Murray

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

At the Name of Jesus

Hymn 321

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS 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.

*HYMN FOR GOING FORTH

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymn 569, stanza 1

God of grace and God of Glory, on your people pour your power;
Crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Rick MacArthur at 8:15; James Lee at 9:00 and 6:30 (New Covenant Fellowship); Chesney Szaniszlo at 9:30; Jill Williams at 11:00; Dora Arce Valentín at 11:30 (Iglesia Luyanó, our sister church in Cuba); Doug Kilday at 11:15, and Melaina Dickenson and Robbie Ytterberg at 6:30

Tom Mitchell preaching at 11:15

Tom Brown, piano

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Eric and Jackie Price in honor of Ava, Faith, and Claire Price, on their birthday, March 19.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Marilyn and Corry Adams in praise and thanksgiving for 40 years of marriage (on Easter Sunday).

Mission Statement

*By God's own grace and power,
Covenant Presbyterian Church will be a church of
passionate worship,
sacrificial service,
respectful evangelism,
authentic fellowship,
and rich discipleship –
a place where seekers are invited and equipped
to become mature disciples of Christ
in Austin and around the world.*

Out of respect for our neighbors, please refrain from parking on the streets in the Allandale neighborhood, especially on Louise Lane and Marilyn Street.

Overflow parking is located in the UTAIC parking garage, and the Park and Shuttle Service is available to bring you to the Covenant Campus

For more information about events at Covenant,
please see our *Covenant Matters* handout in the Narthex.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO COVENANT

Welcome! We are thankful you have chosen to worship with us today! We ask that you identify yourself by signing the red attendance book in each pew. Following each service, you are invited to stop by our Visitor's Table to pick up information on Covenant's many groups, programs and events. We want you to feel welcome here and hope that we can help you find ways to grow in your faith.

Five 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), 11:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. (contemporary services). A shuttle service runs from 8:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. carrying worshippers from the UTAIC parking lot at 5508 Parkcrest Drive, 1/2 mile west of Covenant.

You may become a member of Covenant by profession of faith and baptism, reaffirmation of faith or letter of transfer. The Session meets the second Sunday of each month, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service for the purpose of receiving new members. Would you like to know more about Covenant and what we believe as Presbyterians? You're invited to join one of our New Member Classes that begin periodically throughout the year. For more information, please contact Mary Helen Mitchell at 512-334-3018 or mhmittchell@covenant.org.

COVENANT PRAYS

Prayers of sympathy and support for – John and Sandy Blicht, family, and friends on the death of John's father, Colonel (Ret.) Harry A. Blicht, on March 24. Services were March 28 in San Antonio.

Prayers for recently hospitalized – Jim Stansell.

Prayers for – Dora Arce Valentín, Dick Castleberry, Cindy Adams, Jane Mack, Bill and Billie Greenlee, Bob Davis, Miranda Cortez, Bonnie Glasgow, Ginger Hurst, Roy Tomlin, Darlene Nutter, Hugh Byler, Heidi Nicholson, Rick Roth, Minor Walker, Dorothy Billman, Doris Mitchell, Beverly Wight, Casey Bernholz, Dorice Jeffries, Carolyn Walker, David Miller, Beverly Miller, Geanne Taylor, Bob Ferguson, Phil Harvell, Stephanie Meyer Kelly, and Barb Sleet.

Prayers requested by our sister church, **Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó, in Havana Cuba** – Jesús Pérez Carbón, Rev. Pedro Mayor y Ana Luisa Puerta; de nuestra familia global: Sue & Karl Gerke, Rev. James Lee, Zulma Valentín; Para la familia de Aida Jorge Oropesa (Rafael Cepada's wife) who recently passed; de nuestra familia global: Sue & Karl Gerke, Rev. James Lee, Zulma Valentín. Por las celebraciones y los cultos durante la Semana Santa.

Prayers request by our Missions Committee – Interfaith Hospitality Network and Movin' & Groovin'.

Prayers for seminary students under Covenant's care – Aquanetta Hicks – aquanetta.hicks@austinseminary.edu.

Homebound Friend of the Week (notes of encouragement are welcome – for more information contact Kay Austin) Mrs. Jessie McGrew – Deacons are Bill and Mary Hart.

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

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