

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

8:15 am

Austin, Texas  
Third Sunday of Easter

April 6, 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: All who thirst, come to the water.

**People: Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,

**People: Our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.**

Leader: Drink deeply of these living waters.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Jesus Shall Reign*

Hymn 341

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

### PRAYER OF 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 that 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 the powerful name of Jesus . . .

### SUNG CONFESSION

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord!*

Hymn 486, stanza 1

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting yielded and still.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*We Will Glorify*

Hymn 37, stanzas 1 and 4

**We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;  
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.  
Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.**

\* - Those who are able, please stand

\*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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bill Mange

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

GOSPEL LESSONS

*John 8:12-20*

New Testament, Page 870

*Matthew 5:14-16*

New Testament, Page 786

SERMON

*WILL THE REAL JESUS PLEASE STAND UP!*  
*Jesus the Light of the World*

Chesney Szaniszlo

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Hymn 123

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Charlie Betts

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Hymn 712, stanza 1

Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Jill Williams at 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00; James Lee at 9:00 and 6:30 (New Covenant Fellowship); Dora Arce Valentín at 11:30 (Iglesia Luyanó, our sister church in Cuba), Rick MacArthur and Mitchell and Mitchell Holley at 11:15; and Chris Szaniszlo and Frank Sheppard at 6:30

Robbie Ytterberg preaching at 11:15

Rick MacArthur and Tom Mitchell at the 6:30 Service for Wholeness in Eaton Hall

Tom Mitchell, piano

FLOWERS

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Bob and Marion Butcher in gratitude for 56 years of marriage.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Deborah and Bob Nolen in honor of “our mother’s special birthday and to the Glory of God in our lives.”*

***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 NEXT Sunday, 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 [mhmittell@covenant.org](mailto:mhmittell@covenant.org).

#### COVENANT PRAYS

Prayers of celebration and joy for – Luke Augustus (Gus) Christian, born March 24. Parents are Bryan and Angela Christian.

Ryder Davidson Sledge, born March 24. Parents are Brian and Lisa Sledge.

Prayers of sympathy and support for – Norma McCauley, family, and friends on the death of Norma's mother, Ruby McCauley on April 1. Services were April 4 in Austin.

Prayers for recently hospitalized – Roy Tomlin

Prayers for – Judy Gwinn, Corbin Fanning, Dora Arce Valentín, Cindy Adams, Jane Mack, Bill and Billie Greenlee, Bob Davis, Miranda Cortez, Bonnie Glasgow, Ginger Hurst, Jim Stansell, 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, Felicia Martín la abuelita de Liset, Adalys Vázquez, Rubén Bao. Por la familia de Blanca Téllez. Dios de consuelo a esta familia y descanso eterno a nuestra hermana Blanca. Por el mejoramiento de las relaciones entre los gobiernos de Cuba y los Estados Unidos.

Prayers request by our Missions Committee – Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Texas.

Prayers for seminary students under Covenant's care – Tom Mitchell – [tmitchell@covenant.org](mailto:tmitchell@covenant.org).

Homebound Friend of the Week (notes of encouragement are welcome – for more information contact Kay Austin) Ms. Ruth Ellen Norman. Deacon is Al DiCristofaro.

*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](mailto:kaustin@covenant.org), if prayer continues to be requested.*