

## Welcome!

We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of this caring family of faith. Those who are seeking a church to call home are invited to consider becoming a part of our family here at Covenant.

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**CHURCH OFFICE: 8:15 am to 3:15 pm, Monday – Thursday**  
**8:15 am to 12:15 pm, Friday**  
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# Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Striving to be Faithful Disciples of Christ:  
Worshipping with Joy, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love

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MARCH 29, 2020  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10:30 AM

### STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

### WORSHIPING WITH JOY

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*From Psalm 130*)

Leader: God we cry out to you from the valleys of our lives.

**People: Hear our pleas, listen to our cries, hear our voices,  
O God.**

Leader: Lord, we wait, and we wait, and we wait.

**People: Divine one, our souls waits for you, for our hope  
is in your word.**

Leader: Hope in the Lord, you people of God,

**People: For God's love for us is unbreakable!  
Let us worship God!**

HYMN #664— *Morning Has Broken* (stanzas 1 & 3)

***Morning has broken like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!***

***Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have set our minds on the wrong things — on selfish gain, not generous service; on pursuits that distract, not inspire; on tasks that diminish rather than give life. We long to set our minds on eternal things — on your way of mercy and compassion; on paths that lead to justice and peace; on living as people of hope. Spirit of God, dwell in us. Give us grace when we fall short, transform our hearts and renew our minds, and set us free to follow you faithfully. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer . . . *(silent confession)* . . .

KYRIE

DECLARATION OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *Jesus, Remember Me*

***Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.***

**GROWING IN FAITH**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....*John 11:1-45*

*Children's Bible—page 440*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....**SARAH WOLF**

***"DREAMING BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES"***

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*From the Heidelberg Catechism*)

**What is your only comfort, in life and in death?**

*That I belong — body and soul, in life and in death — not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.*

HYMN #435— *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

***There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up  
in heaven.***

***There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly  
judgment given.***

***For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word,  
And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.***

**SERVING IN LOVE**

PRAYERS WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (...“sins”)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER

HYMN #748— *Be with Us, Lord*

***Be with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.***

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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