

THE LORD'S DAY ~ May 28, 2017

Ascension Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church

to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and need strength;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Preparation for Worship Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

The Ascension

"He took us with him to the heart of things"

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
As earth became a part of Heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face.
We saw him go and yet we were not parted
He took us with him to the heart of things
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,
Whilst we our selves become his clouds of witness
And sing the waning darkness into light,
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed.
~ Malcolm Guite, *Sounding the Seasons*

"The message of the Ascension story is: Jesus the Savior reigns!"
~ J. I. Packer

Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"O Great God" (1)

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me; make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your name through me.

* For those who are able, please stand at these times.

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Prayer of Invocation and Praise

*Call to Worship

Psalm 24:3-4, 7-10

*Hymn Medley of Praise

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" (T289)
"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" (T290)

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 57-58

Leader: *How does "the resurrection of the body" comfort you?* (2)
People: Not only my soul will be taken immediately after this life to Christ its head, but even my very flesh, raised by the power of Christ, will be reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious body.

Leader: *How does the article concerning "life everlasting" comfort you?* (3)
People: Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no man has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God eternally.

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-11 (PB909)

Hymn of Confession

"O Help My Unbelief" (4)

How sad our state by nature is! Our sin, how deep it stains!
And Satan binds our captive minds fast in his slavish chains.
But there's a voice of sov'reign grace, sounds from the sacred word:
"O ye despairing sinners come, and trust upon the Lord."

My soul obeys th'almighty call, and runs to this relief.
I would believe thy promise, Lord; O help my unbelief!
To the dear fountain of thy blood, Incarnate God, I fly;
Here let me wash my spotted soul, from crimes of deepest dye.

Stretch out Thine arm, victorious King, my reigning sins subdue;
Drive the old dragon from his seat, with all his hellish crew.
A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, on thy kind arms I fall;
Be thou my strength and righteousness, my Jesus, and my all.

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:8-10

Confession of Sin

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we are your covenant people-one church, drawn from all nations. Our citizenship is in heaven. Yet we confess, O Lord, that we sometimes lose sight of your kingdom and its ways. We confess that we sometimes live more as citizens of our own land than as citizens of your kingdom. By your truth you call all peoples to account. Forgive us for losing our distinctiveness. Focus us on the cross and on the salvation you give through him who is the Judge of us all, Jesus, the bodily risen and ascended Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords, our Prophet, Priest and King, our Savior, Brother and Friend in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

I Peter 2:24

Pastoral Prayer

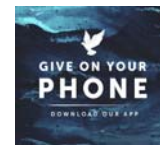
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Proverbs 3:9-10

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Offertory Hymn

"Psalm 31:1-8, 23-24" (Tune: "O Sacred Head")

In You, LORD, I take refuge; ashamed let me not be.
Your righteousness eternal express by saving me;
Incline Your ear to hear me; with speed deliver me.
To me, O be a strong rock, a fort to rescue me.

You are my rock and fortress; for Your sake lead and guide.
Free me from nets they've hidden; my stronghold You abide.
I now commit my spirit into Your outstretched hand.
I know You have redeemed me, LORD God of truths that stand.

I hate those serving idols; my trust is in the LORD.
I'll triumph in Your mercy; for anguish You regard.
You've known my soul's afflictions, kept me from hostile hand.
My feet You have established where they have room to stand.

O love the LORD, you godly! The LORD the faithful keeps.
But He repays the haughty that what he sows he reaps.
Be strong! He'll keep refreshing your heart with courage great;
O do with hope and patience upon Jehovah wait.

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:84-85

Sermon

Romans 1:1-7

Romans (19): A Gospel Introduction ~ L (19)

"Loved, Called, Blessed"

The Romans Series

Rev. Cory D. Coltravy



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*Hymn of Response

"We Are God's People" (T355)

*Charge and Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

*Hymn of Benediction

"Our God Reigns" (C372, vs.2)

*Postlude



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THIS WEEK, May 28 - June 3, 2017

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.
•Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.
Monday •Memorial Day
Wednesday •Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:15 p.m.
•Youth Group, 5:30 p.m.

Announcements

- ◆ **In Our Nursery Today:** Morning Worship ~ Ellie Richards
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week** Sunday School ~ Grace Welch
Morning Worship ~ Emily Delmar, Chris Goehring

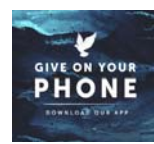
◆ **Budget Summary:**

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement	\$ 5,460.00
Tithes/Offerings, May 21, 2017	\$ 4,042.25
FYTD Special Gifts Received	\$ 13,950.00
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$ 208,825.85
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$ 243,585.10
Mortgage Balance	\$ 197,893.01

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COVENANT FAMILY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:
May 28th, Thomas Woods

CPC On-Line Prayer Room

View the on-going prayer requests on the church website:
www.covenantpca.net/community/prayer room



May Collection Items: “Multi-pack Month”
packs of kids’ party favors



Youth Group will meet on **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.** during the summer while completing the “Truth Project”. Pizza will be served for dinner. Let Jonah or Val Cleveland know if you plan to attend and want to eat pizza.

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Session

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AM Sermon Notes
Romans (19): A Gospel Introduction ~ L(19)
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Sermon Thesis: A Christian is a sinner who has become a saint by the saving love, sovereign calling, and unmerited blessing of the Triune God alone.

I. A Christian is one who is loved by God (v. 7).

II. A Christian is one who is called by God (vv. 6-7).

... to belong to Jesus Christ (v.6)

... to be saints (v.7)

III. A Christian is one who is blessed by God (v. 7).

... grace and peace to you

... from God our Father and ... the Lord Jesus Christ

