

# THE LORD'S DAY ~ June 25, 2017

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.

*"If you don't see the greatness of God then all the things that money can buy become very exciting. If you can't see the sun you will be impressed with a street light. If you've never felt thunder and lightening you'll be impressed with fireworks. And if you turn your back on the greatness and majesty of God you'll fall in love with a world of shadows and short-lived pleasures."*  
~ John Piper

### Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

A cry room for small children with televised worship is available in the Fellowship Hall during the service.

### Prelude

"Psalm 1" (Tune: T164)

Blessed is the one who turns away from where the wicked walk,  
Who does not stand in sinners' paths or sit with those who mock.

Instead he finds God's holy law his joy and great delight;  
He makes the precepts of the LORD his study day and night.

He prospers ever like a tree that's planted by a stream  
And in due season yields its fruit; its leaves are always green.

Not so the wicked! They are like the chaff that's blown away.  
They will not stand when judgment comes or with the righteous stay.

It is the LORD who sees and knows the way the righteous go,  
But those who live an evil life the LORD will overthrow.

### Invocation

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 113:1-3

**\*Hymn of Praise** "How Great Thou Art" (T44)

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

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**\*Hymn of Adoration** "Nothing Without You" (1)

Take these hands and lift them up, for I have not the strength to praise You near enough.  
See, I have nothing, I have nothing without You.

And take my voice and pour it out. Let it sing the songs of mercy I have found.  
For I have nothing, I have nothing without You.

*And all my soul needs, is all Your love to cover me,  
So all the world will see that I have nothing without You.*

Take my body and build it up; may it be broken as an offering of love.  
For I have nothing, I have nothing without You.

Take my time here on this earth, and let it glorify all that You are worth.  
For I am nothing, I am nothing without You.

**\*Confession of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism Questions 69 - 71

**Leader:** *How does baptism remind you and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally?* (2)

**People:** In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, in other words, all my sins.

**Leader:** *What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?* (3)

**People:** To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven my sins because of Christ's blood poured out for me in his sacrifice on the cross.

To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed me and set me apart to be a member of Christ so that more and more I become dead to sin and increasingly live a holy and blameless life.

**Leader:** *Where does Christ promise that we are washed with His blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?* (4)

**People:** In the institution of baptism where he says: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." This promise is repeated when Scripture calls baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins.

**Responsive Scripture Reading** "The Ruler from Bethlehem" (PB1060)

**Hymn of Confession** "Take My Life" (Bulletin Insert)

**Call to Confession** Ephesians 4:22-25

**Confession of Sin**

Merciful God, we have not loved you with all our heart and mind and strength and soul.  
Lord, have mercy.

We have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us.  
Christ, have mercy.

We are indifferent to the saving grace of your Word and life.  
Lord, have mercy.

Forgive and heal us by your steadfast love made known to us in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** Psalm 103:2-5

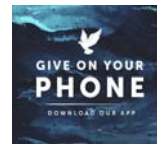
**Pastoral Prayer**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** Proverbs 30:7-9

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**Offertory Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" (T642)

**Prayer of Illumination** Psalm 119:90-92

**Sermon** Romans 1:8-15



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Romans (21): A Pastoral Introduction ~ C (21)

"Pastoral Longings and God's Will"

The Romans Series

Rev. Cory D. Colravy

**\*Hymn of Response** "We Are God's People" (T355)

**\*Charge and Benediction** Philippians 1:9-11

**\*Hymn of Benediction** "The Gloria Patri" (T735)

**\*Postlude**

### THIS WEEK, June 25 - July 1, 2017

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

### Announcements

- ◆ **In Our Nursery Today:** Morning Worship ~ Ann Bingham, Danielle Griffin
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week** Sunday School ~ Valerie Cleveland  
Morning Worship ~ Elizabeth Sato, Belynda Walker

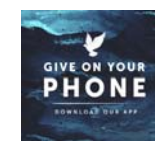
### Budget Summary:

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement	\$ 5,460.00
Tithes/Offerings, June 18, 2017	\$ 3,952.40
FYTD Special Gifts Received	\$ 13,950.00
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$ 228,681.00
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$ 269,637.81
Mortgage Balance	\$ 197,685.51

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COVENANT FAMILY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Joseph Griffin, June 28<sup>th</sup>

John & Jennifer Moody, June 25<sup>th</sup>

CPC On-Line Prayer Room

View the on-going prayer requests on the church website:

[www.covenantpca.net/community/prayer room](http://www.covenantpca.net/community/prayer%20room)





**Katharina von Bora**

1499-1552

**Installment #3**



On one occasion, the volatile Martin Luther shut himself in his den for three days, trying to get away from the activity of his bustling home. He and his wife, Katie, lived in a renovated monastery, appropriate for this former monk and former nun. They had six children of their own, and they had welcomed several nieces and nephews to live with them, as well as children of other friends who were going through rough times. Katie invited some of her female relatives to come and help with nannying all these kids. And of course there were regular students and visitors who traveled from afar to learn from the famous reformer. This wasn't a home; it was a circus.

You can hardly blame Martin for seeking solitude in his den, but for three days? Katie was incensed. Sure, he needed to study, but he was shirking his responsibilities to the rest of the household . . . and to her. So she had the den door removed.

This is a fitting picture of their relationship. Single until he was forty-one, Martin seemed set in his bachelor ways. When he married Katie, it was more of a business deal than anything. "I'm not madly in love," he told a friend, "but I cherish her." In a way, his sense of romantic love was walled off, shut away. But through the years of their contentious relationship, in her no-nonsense way, Katie managed to remove the locked door of his heart. She taught him to love her.

Martin once wrote about Jesus' first miracle, turning water to wine at the wedding in Cana. He considered it an apt description of marriage. "The first love is drunken. When the intoxication wears off, then comes the real married love." Maybe the Luthers never experienced that first "drunken" love, but they certainly grew into the latter love. "I will not take the vexation out of marriage," Martin wrote. "I may even increase it, but it will turn out wonderfully." As it was in Cana, the best was saved for last.

What sort of door needs to be removed in your life?

*"A host always serves the best wine first . . . But you have kept the best until now!  
This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory.*

*And his disciples believed in him."*

~ John 2:10-11



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AM Sermon Notes  
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**June Collection Items:** "Wearable Month"  
socks, scarves, t-shirts, jewelry, flip-flops



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