

# THE LORD'S DAY ~ May 17, 2015

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.

*"I saw more clearly than ever, that the first great and primary business to which I ought to attend every day was, to have my soul happy in the Lord. The first thing to be concerned about was not, how much I might serve the Lord, how I might glorify the Lord; but how I might get my soul in a happy state, and how my inner man may be nourished . . . I saw that the most important thing I had to do was to give myself to the reading of the Word of God and to meditate on it."*  
~ George Mueller

### Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

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

**Prelude** "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" (T290)

### Invocation

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 24:7-10

**\*Hymn of Praise** "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" (T289)

**\*Hymn of Adoration** "Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven" (Bulletin Insert)

**\*Confession of Faith** The Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 46-52

**Leader:** *What do you mean by saying: "He ascended into heaven"?*  
**People:** That Christ, while his disciples watched, was lifted up from the earth into heaven and will be there for our good until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

**Leader:** *But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as He promised us?*  
**People:** Christ is true man and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is not absent from us for a moment.

**Leader:** *If His humanity is not present wherever His divinity is then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other?*

**People:** Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is evident that Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity he has taken on, but at the same time his divinity is in and remains personally united to his humanity.

**Leader:** *How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us?*  
**People:** First, he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven ~ a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, his members, to himself in heaven. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is sitting at God's right hand.

**Leader:** *Why the next words: "and sitteth at the right hand of God"?*  
**People:** Christ ascended to heaven, there to show that he is head of his church, and that the Father rules all things through him.

**Leader:** *How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?*  
**People:** First, through his Holy Spirit he pours out his gifts from heaven upon us his members. Second, by his power he defends us and keeps us safe from all enemies.

**Leader:** *How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?*  
**People:** In all my distress and persecution I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me. All his enemies and mine he will condemn to everlasting punishment; but me and all his chosen ones he will take along with him into the joy and the glory of heaven.

**Scripture Reading** Acts 1:1-11

**Hymn of Confession** "O Help My Unbelief" (1)

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.

### Confession of Sin

Father in heaven ~  
We need to be forgiven. We have tried to heal ourselves. Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ, we have tried to work off our guilt. We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins. Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have tried to change through our own efforts. We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower. Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves. Forgive us for neglecting your grace. Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** Romans 4:22-5:1

### Pastoral Prayer

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** Acts 2:44-45

**Offertory Hymn** "Now Thank We All Our God" (T98)

**Prayer of Illumination** Psalm 119:156

**Sermon** Ephesians 2:6

"Seated with Christ in the Heavenly Places"

Rev. Cory D. Colravy

**\*Hymn of Response** "Our God Reigns" (C372)

(Sing as verse 3)  
It was our sin and guilt that bruised and wounded Him.  
It was our sin that nailed Him down.  
His life ran down upon the ground like pouring rain.  
That we might be born again.

**\*Charge and Benediction** Ephesians 6:23-24

**\*Hymn of Benediction** "Our God Reigns" (C372, v.3)

**\*Postlude**

### THIS WEEK, May 17-23, 2015

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, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday •Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday •CCS Graduation

### Announcements

- ◆ **In Our Nursery Today:** Sunday School ~ Dawn Welch  
Morning Worship ~ Toni Hill, Sara Washburn
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Sunday School ~ Dawn Colravy  
Morning Worship ~ Joyce Post, Ellen Simpson
- ◆ **WIC Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m. Nursery provided—contact Debbie Hinkle for reservations.
- ◆ **This month's Operation Christmas Child collection items ~ "Multi-pack Month" ~** packs of kids party favors
- ◆ **Budget Receipts, May 10, 2015**

Tithes/Offerings	\$	7,056.55
Communion Mercy Offering		321.00
Designation Ministries		300.00
Mortgage Balance	\$	231,254.83

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### Session

Rev. Cory D. Colravy, Moderator  
R. Leigh Hinkle  
Warren H. Kline, Jr., Emeritus

James R. Middleton, Clerk  
Richard A. Simpson  
Les "Rocky" Welch

### Diaconate

Brian A. Delmar  
Jeffrey C. Delmar

James W. "Butch" Gould  
Bryan M. Walker  
Rodney A. Stroh, Diaconal Assistant

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

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"Seated with Christ in the Heavenly Places"  
Ephesians 2:6  
Rev. Cory D. Colravy

## Prayer List, Sunday, May 17, 2015

### PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PASTOR AND STAFF

Rev. Cory D. Colravy, Pastor  
Mrs. Glenda L. Delmar, CCS Principal  
Mrs. Martha A. Middleton, Executive Administrator  
Ms. Roseanne S. Culpepper, CCS Office Manager  
Mr. Bryan M. Walker, CCS Bookkeeper  
Mr. Art Stroh, Youth Director  
Mr. Scott Perry, Music Leader

### PRAY FOR UNSPOKEN REQUESTS

### PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS

### PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR MISSIONARIES

Sunday ..... Jim Middleton\*  
Monday ..... Covenant Christian School%  
Tuesday ..... Robert & Lisa Stewart% Tokyo church planters  
Wednesday ..... Chris Goehring\*  
Thursday ..... Pregnancy Resource Center% Jackie Smithwick, Director  
Friday ..... Lainey Mick\*  
Saturday ..... Cheryl Gaudiano\*  
(\*Happy Birthday, #Happy Anniversary, %Missionary)

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AT HOME AND ABROAD

*Currently Deployed Overseas:* Randy Miller (Joyce Post's grandson)

*Currently Serving at Home:* Shawn Rost (Warren & Judy Kline's son-in-law), Brian Neal, Ben Hollo

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

*Cancer:* Phil Khalife (Sonja Seidler's brother), Dawn Colravy (thyroid), Tracy Becker (wife of Concord PC Pastor, John Becker, double mastectomy), Lee Broughton (friend of Martha Middleton, breast cancer), John Dudinski (Middleton's friend, skin cancer & chemotherapy), Gerald Skipper (Jan Langham's brother-in-law), Ruth Weber (Pastor Colravy's cousin, ovarian cancer), Charlene Elliott (CCS parent, blood cancer)

*Illness:* Brian Schreiber (Fred & Carrie Hayes Schreiber's son, blood disease), Fran Coyne (friend of the Steele's, aortic valve stenosis), Johnny Langham (Jack & Jan Langham's son), Robert Corr (Claire Phillips' brother, Parkinson's disease), Carola Bickford (Barbie Shold's friend, knee surgery), Tyson Wellcome (Rocky Welch's cousin, facial injury & reconstructive surgery, Cheryl Gaudiano, Naomi (brain tumor surgery, step-daughter of James Thompson's friend Jeremy Williams), Ryan Colravy (Pastor Colravy's nephew, (chemotherapy & radiation), Helen Newman (Dawn Colravy's mother, MRSA infection), Charlie Saunders (O'Lear family member), Mike Kline (Warren & Judy Kline's son, heart problem), Alaina Gilmore (leg development problem), Claire Phillips, Debbie Hinkle (knee surgery), Zeke Zechman (heart arrhythmia), Ron (Dawn Welch's brother-in-law, stroke), Linda Hopkins' family member (amyloidosis), Mabree Kane (the Phillips' 4 year old great-granddaughter, heart surgery), David Hill (heart blockage)

*Special Need:* Virginia Palmer, David & Toni Hill (Rusty & Chris Hill's parents), Tom Bingham family, Richard Post family, Randy Tucker (Patty Ann Bruner's son, stroke recovery), Dawn Welch family, Zechman family (loss of family member)

*Expectant Mothers:* Emily Delmar, Peggy Ann Chierico

*\*Names in italics are new to the list this week.*

