



**COVENANT**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT COVENANT?

# Order of Worship for April 14, 2024

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## Prelude

### Call to Worship From Psalm 147:1

LEADER: Praise the LORD!  
For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant,  
And a song of praise is fitting.

**ALL: LORD, we come into your house with praise!**

## Prayer of Adoration

### Hymn

#### *A Thousand Hallelujahs*

Brooke Ligertwood, Phil Wickham, Scott Ligertwood

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## Profession of Faith

Evelyn Audrey Kendrick

» *Children in 1st-5th grade are released to their classroom*

## Little Children's Lesson

### Catechism #9

Q. How do you know that God loves you?

A. I know God loves me because Jesus died on the cross for me.

## Pastoral Prayer

## Reading of the Law

LEADER: Hear God's perfect will for your life; the words of Jesus Christ:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

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Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## Confession of God's People

**ALL: Lord, you tell us to seek first your kingdom, but we seek other things. We seek our own kingdom; we seek our own riches; we seek our own righteousness. We often know the truth, but our hearts are far from it. Yet we desire you, Lord. If ever so small, if ever so faint, we desire you, our King. We desire your kingdom, our King. And we ask now, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that you would turn our hearts, our minds, our bodies—our entire lives—to you. Fill us with the faith, hope, and love offered to those who seek your face. For yours is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.**

» Silent Prayers of Confession

## Assurance of God's Pardon

 From Luke 12:32

LEADER: Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

## Confession of Faith

 From the Heidelberg Catechism #1

LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**ALL: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

## Greeting of Peace of Christ

# Song of Praise

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above you heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen

# Tithes & Offerings

## Hymn

### *'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus*

Louisa M. R. Stead, William James Kirkpatrick  
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# Scripture Reading: Luke 13:18-21

**18**He said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? **19**It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.”

**20**And again he said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? **21**It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.”

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READER: The Word of the Lord     **ALL: Thanks be to God!**

# Sermon Pastor Travis Stephens

## “The Consecrated Church”

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## The Lord's Supper

LEADER: What is the hope of the Church?

**PEOPLE: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!**

## Mercy Offering

## Hymn

### *You've Already Won*

Bryan Fowler, Shane Barnard

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## Benediction From Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
And give you peace.

PASTOR: Go love your God! **ALL: Go love your neighbor!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Neighborhood Groups

Our neighborhood groups will gather today for a meal, fellowship, and sermon discussion. If you are interested in joining a neighborhood group you can talk to one of the pastors after the service or email Whitney Phelps at [wphelps@covenantrichmond.org](mailto:wphelps@covenantrichmond.org).

## College Lunch on April 21

If you're an ECU student, we are glad you're here! We want to invite you to our college lunch April 21st after the service at Mi Pueblo. Come enjoy some tacos on us! (April 21st)

## Congregational Meeting on April 28

Covenant's commission has called a congregational meeting for members to vote on the election of elders, deacons, and pastors. The congregational meeting will start at 9:15 am at Madison Middle School on April 28th. Childcare will be provided. After a season of evaluation and training, the Commission recommends the following candidates:

- **DEACONS:** Mitch Sharber, Nick Shannon, Timmy Sherrard, Matt Brooks, Tyler Newton, and Chandler Sparkman.
- **ELDERS:** Hunter Trenaman, Josh Phelps, Trey Gross, Ian Holbrook, and Mike Austin.
- As well, the Commission recommends Travis Stephens (associate pastor) and Josh Crawford (pastor).
- Provided some officer candidates are elected, Covenant will be organized as a church on Sunday, May 12th. Plan to be there for the big day!



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