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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT COVENANT?

# Order of Worship for April 21, 2024

#### **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**

#### All Creatures Of Our God And King

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### **Covenant Baptism**

Emilia Jude Brooks, daughter of Matt & Erin Brooks

» 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:

"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

#### **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 #118 & #119

LEADER: What has God commanded us to ask of him?

ALL: Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.

LEADER: What is this prayer?

ALL: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### **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**

#### Steadfast

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#### **Scripture Reading: Luke 13:18-19**

**Sermon** Pastor Josh Crawford

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."

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"Seeds of Appalachia"		


### **The Lord's Supper**

LEADER: What is the hope of the Church?

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

### **Hymn**

#### Your Will Be Done

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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**

It is the third Sunday of the month, our women will meet together. Neighborhood groups are designed to foster closer relationships, a deeper discussion and application of the sermon, and community discipleship of each other and our children. If you are interested in joining a group, please talk to one of the pastors after the service or email admin@covenantrichmond.org.

#### **College Lunch TODAY After the Service**

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

#### **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, lan 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!

