

COVER ARTWORK

Flemish Parable of the Sower Pieter Bruegel the Elder, 1557

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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT COVENANT?

Order of Worship for April 28, 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

King Of Kings

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Covenant Baptism

Eleanor Reese Sowder, daughter of Eli & Hannah Sowder

» 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:

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD...

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Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God.

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

Come And Tear Down The Walls

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Scripture Reading: Luke 13:18-19

Sermon Pastor Josh Crawford

18He 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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READER: The Word of the Lord **ALL: Thanks be to God!**

"Seeds of Appalachia (Part 2)"

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 Labor Is Not In Vain

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The Lord's Prayer for Appalachia

ALL: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, in Richmond and Appalachia 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 your is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benediction From Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead Jesus our Lord, the Great Shepherd of the Sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covenant Organizing Service

Provided some officer candidates are elected, Covenant will be organized as a church on Sunday, May 12th. This means that we will go from being a "church plant" to a "particularized church"--we're making it official. In some ways, our church started in August 2021, in other ways, our church will start in May 2024. This is a big moment for Covenant; plan to be there for the big day!

