

April 24

Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Donna Rusk
Greeter	Gretchen Pope
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Linda Yeoman
Deacons	Marsha Ratashak Dana Collins Linda Small
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Jane Shane
Fellowship Refreshments	Jane Shane
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

May 1

Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Donna Rusk
Greeters	Rusks
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Donna Rusk
Communion Prayer	Drue Cavanaugh
Deacons	Jay Sohn Julie McCatchey Linda Yeoman
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	Gretchen Pope
Sunday School Teacher	Erin Hiscox
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 277-7574

April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1
Adult SS 8:45 a.m.			Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.				Adult SS <u>8:45 a.m.</u> Children's SS 10:15 a.m.
By-Laws Meeting After Worship	Office Closed		Choir 7:30 p.m.				

By-Laws

Please stay after worship for a brief congregational meeting to vote on the revised By-Laws.

Financial Notes
April 17, 2016
Total Deposit \$2,802.00



Please note that our sound system is equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop. If you are wearing hearing aids, please turn on "T Coil" mode for best hearing assistance.

covenant christian church



april 24, 2016

We are spiritual seekers
working to grow in our love of God,
deepening our connection to each other and
sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

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come journey together . . .

April 24, 2016
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Earth Day Sabbath

A WORD OF WELCOME

Please take a moment to sign the attendance register in the pew and pass it along your row.
If you have prayer requests you'd like lifted up in prayer, please write them on the insert provided.

PRELUDE "He Is Exalted" T. Paris/arr Hayes

*OPENING HYMN #22 "All Creatures of Our God and King" (Verses 1-3)

*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)

Linda Yeoman

Living Spirits of Earth

Mother and Father of us all

You who hold us in Your breath

You who bathe us in Your waters

who feed us with Your fruits

Guardian of where we are going

of who we are becoming

Cradle of our days

And coffin of our nights

You who carry us folded in Your arms

Sailing silently among the stars

Hear our prayers.

The Terma Collective

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #22 (Verse 4)

And all forgiven tender hearts, forgiving others, take your part, sing praises, Alleluia!

You who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God, who knows your every care.

O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "The Greatest Gift Is Love" Hayes

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Genesis 3:8-19 pg. 3 Linda Yeoman

MORNING PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please share your prayer concerns in writing.)

Sung Response

God is holding your life, God is holding your life,

God is holding your life, we believe.

(Repeat)

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sung Response

God is holding your life, God is holding your life,

God is holding your life, we believe.

(Repeat)

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD

"Earth Boundaries"

Rev. Paul Witmer

Sung Response

God is holding your life, God is holding your life,

God is holding your life, we believe.

(Repeat)

(Deacons may come to the table.)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will come forward to the communion table as a sign of our commitment and response to Christ's gracious invitation and loving presence. If you are unable to come forward, a deacon will bring the elements to you.

INVITATION AND PRAYER (Responsive)

Linda Yeoman

As the Holy Spirit strengthens your church, may this, your blessed bread, which is now broken, bring life to us.

May we be living signs of the charity we share with one another.

May this, your holy cup, poured out for all, be our salvation.

We pray that we who drink from the one cup may be faithful signs of your love.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "Tears in Heaven" Jennings and Clapton/arr Coates

*HYMN OF PRAISE AND COMMITMENT #56 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*POSTLUDE "Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus" Jernigan/arr Tornquist

*BENEDICTION

Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

*Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister
Judith Henry, Music Director*