

<u>August 14</u>	
Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	
Greeter	Gretchen Pope
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Geoff Wall
Deacons	Tom Small Linda Small
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

<u>August 21</u>	
Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Jay Sohn
Greeter	Mother/Daughter
Candle Lighter	Mother/Daughter
Worship Leader	Mother/Daughter
Deacons	Jay Sohn Julie McCatchey Marsha Ratashak
Communion Prayer	Mother/Daughter
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	Jay Sohn
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 17	Aug. 18	Aug. 19	Aug. 20	Aug. 21
"State Fair Sunday"			Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.			Adult SS 8:45 a.m.
	Office Closed		Bike Night 5:30 p.m.				"Mothers & Daughters"  Food Pantry

# covenant christian church



august 14, 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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August 14, 2016  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
“State Fair Sunday”

### 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 “With a Little Help From My Friends” Lennon and McCartney/arr Keveren

### OPENING HYMN SING

*We'll begin with an old-fashioned hymn sing. Request one of your favorites.*

### \*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)

Geoff Wall

Eternal Listener, give heed to your people, You, who are our Guide and our Light!

**You, who dwell amidst the angels, shine forth into the heart of all nations!**

Enliven your people with compassion that peace and justice might flourish.

**Restore us, O Holy One; let your face shine upon us, teach us to love!**

You companion us through the wilderness, through the shadows created by fear.

**Be our strength as we break down walls that separate and divide;**

**let not fear pluck away the gifts we would share.**

May those who have borne the fruit of love radiate your Spirit into the world!

**Restore us, O Holy One; let your face shine upon us, teach us to love!**

*Psalms 80, Psalms for Praying, Nan Merrill*

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #560 vs. 2

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;**

**O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;**

**leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC “Oh What a Beautiful Morning” Rodgers and Hammerstein

### TIME WITH THE YOUNG

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Hebrews 11:39-12:2 pg. 226 Geoff Wall

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

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.

\*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

### Sung Response

Peace, be still. Peace, be still.

When the storm rages, Peace, be still.

### WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD

“Sermon on a Stick”

Rev. Paul Witmer

### Sung Response

Peace, be still. Peace, be still.

When the storm rages, Peace, be still.

(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

Geoff Wall

Gracious God, help us to accept the words of Jesus when he said, “Do not labor for that which perishes but for the food which endures to eternal life.”

**Let us accept the claim that Jesus is the Bread of Life and find in him the nourishment we need.**

Thank you for this bread we now eat, and the relationship it symbolizes.

**Thank you for this cup, given to us by Jesus Christ our Lord, a cup that represents new life, and life abundant.**

Let this cup remind us to turn to you for the refreshment and renewal of spirit we so desperately need but so rarely seek.

**We pray in the name of Jesus who invites us to this table of joy. Amen.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

\*SONG OF SENDING FORTH #464 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

\*POSTLUDE “And All That Jazz” Kander and Ebb/arr Keveren

### \*BENEDICTION

*Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.*

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