

**August 20**  
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 Communion Paul Witmer  
 Greeter Sue Courtney  
 Candle Lighter  
 Worship Leader Drue Cavanaugh  
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Aug. 20	Aug. 21	Aug. 22	Aug. 23	Aug. 24	Aug. 25	Aug. 26	Aug. 27
Adult SS 8:45 p.m.  "Jazz Sunday"	Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.  Bike Night 6:00 p.m.		Paul on Retreat		Adult SS 8:45 a.m.  Worship 10:00 a.m.  Guest Preacher

Financial Notes  
 Total Deposit  
 August 6, 2017 \$3,519.00



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# covenant christian church



august 20, 2017

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...

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Worship 10:00 a.m.

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#### 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 on the back of the pew.

#### PRELUDE

Scott Davis

\***OPENING HYMN #108** *"Lift High the Cross"* (Verses 1-3)

\***GATHERING WORDS** (Responsive)

Drue Cavanaugh

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like a summer rain which restores the parched earth.**

It is like a cool breeze at the shore of a lake,  
at the top of a mountain or through a crowded city street.

**God meets us here.**

We have gathered to worship the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls  
and the Breath of Our Lives.

**Let us worship in prayer and song.**

\***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #108** (Verse 4)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the crucified for victory.

#### WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC

Scott Davis

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Matthew 15:21-28 pg. 1

Drue Cavanaugh

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD "In Defense of Political Correctness" Rev. Paul Witmer

deepening our connection to each other . . .

**MORNING PRAYERS/PASTORAL 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 #297** *"Dona Nobis Pacem"*

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

Dona nobis pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

Dona nobis pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

#### 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 CALL TO GIVING

Drue Cavanaugh

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY

*All are invited to the table of the Lord. You may come forward to the table to receive the gift of communion and make your gift in response.*

. . . and sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

\***SONG OF SENDING FORTH #211** *"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"*

\***POSTLUDE**

\***BENEDICTION**

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

*Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister  
Judith Henry, Music Director  
Special thanks to our guest musician, Scott Davis*