

August 24	
Open/Close Church	Paul Witmer
Provide Bread	Lynn Heuss
Comm. Preparation	Lynn Heuss
Greeters	Carolyn Ratashak Linda Small
Candle Lighter	Addison Chambers
Worship Leader	Drue Cavanaugh
Deacons	Erin Hiscox Kristin Warwick Dillon Warwick
Communion Prayer	Karen Vroman
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Drue Cavanaugh
Fellowship Refreshments	Drue Cavanaugh
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

August 31	
Open/Close Church	
Provide Bread	Betty Lou Lundy
Comm. Preparation	Donna Rusk
Greeters	Russ Lundy Betty Lou Lundy
Candle Lighter	Shelby Warwick
Worship Leader	Donna Rusk
Deacons	
Communion Prayer	
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Jane Shane Margo Whiting
Fellowship Refreshments	Jane Shane Margo Whiting
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

Aug. 24	Aug. 25	Aug. 26	Aug. 27	Aug. 28	Aug. 29	Aug. 30	Aug. 31
Taizé Worship <u>6 p.m.</u> Family Promise thru Aug. 30	Shofar 5-9:45 p.m. Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m. Journey In Team Meeting 6 p.m.	Bike Night 5:30 p.m. 11 Step Centering Prayer 6:30 p.m.		Shofar 3-10 p.m.	Adult SS <u>8:45 a.m.</u> Rev. Don Hiscox Guest Preacher

**Taizé Community Worship
6 p.m.**

Come celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of the fall program year with a contemplative worship experience featuring lovely meditative chants, music, scripture and silence.

Financial Notes
August 17, 2014
Total Deposit 1,490.68

covenant christian church



august 24, 2014

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 . . .

August 24, 2014
Worship 10:00 a.m.

A WORD OF WELCOME

(Please take a moment to sign the attendance register in the pew and pass it along your row.)

PRELUDE "Peace Like a River" arr Sanborn

***GATHERING PRAYER FOR PEACE (Responsive)**

Drue Cavanaugh

Almighty and merciful God, Creator and Ruler of the Universe.

Hear this prayer which rises to you from the tumult and desperation of a world in which you are forgotten.

Because we do not know you, we have no peace.

From the heart of an eternal silence, you have watched the rise of empires and have seen the smoke of their downfall.

Save us then from our obsessions! Open our eyes, dissipate our confusions, teach us to understand ourselves and our adversary!

Help us to be masters of the weapons that threaten to master us.

Help us to use our science for peace and plenty, not for war and destruction.

Save us from the compulsion to follow our adversaries in all that we most hate,

Confirming them in their hatred and suspicion of us.

Teach us to be long-suffering in anguish and insecurity.

Teach us to wait and trust.

Grant light, grant strength and patience to all who work for peace.

Grant us prudence in proportion to our power,

Wisdom in proportion to our science,

Humaneness in proportion to our wealth and might,

And bless our earnest will to help all races and peoples to travel, in friendship with us.

O God of holiness, merciful to all:

Grant us to seek peace where it is truly found!

In your will, O God, is our peace! Amen.

Thomas Merton, Unpublished

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Drue Cavanaugh

Let us welcome one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

***PRAYER THROUGH SONG #530**

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river in my soul. (Repeat)

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "Little Star" arr Brickman

Paul Witmer

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

BLESSING THE PEACE POLE

The peace pole will be placed in our garden as a sign of our commitment to be people of peace.

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Matthew 5:1-12 pg. 4

Drue Cavanaugh

MORNING PRAYERS/PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD "Let Peace Prevail"

Rev. Paul Witmer

HYMN OF PREPARATION #677 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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

Karen Vroman

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE AND COMMITMENT #436** "Shalom to You Now"

***POSTLUDE** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" arr Hayes

***BENEDICTION**

Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister
Judith Henry, Music Director