

covenant christian church



july 3, 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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July 3

Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Rusks
Greeter	Sue Courtney
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Geoff Wall
Deacons	Dana Collins Sue Courtney Hal Rusk
Communion Prayer	Donna Rusk
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Rusks
Fellowship Refreshments	Rusks
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 277-7584

July 10

Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	
Greeter	
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Drue Cavanaugh
Deacons	
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Jane Shane
Fellowship Refreshments	Jane Shame
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 277-7574

July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10
"We Are the World"	Independence Day Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12:00 p.m. Bike Night 5:30 a.m.		Fellowship Friday 6:00 p.m.		"Blessing the Bikes"

Fellowship Friday
July 8 - 6:00 p.m.
 at the home of Don & Drue Cavanaugh
 11281 NW Towner Drive, Grimes
 Please RSVP: 986-3737 or hcavan55@aol.com
 Please bring appetizer or dessert

Financial Notes

	Total Deposit
June 19, 2016	\$1,604.33
June 26, 2016	\$1,177.50



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.

July 3, 2016
Worship 10:00 a.m.
"We Are the World"

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 "Thriller/Wayfaring Stranger"

*OPENING "We Are the World" Michael Jackson

[Chorus:]

We are the world, we are the children

We are the ones who make a brighter day

So let's start giving

There's a choice we're making

We're saving our own lives

It's true we'll make a better day

Just you and me

*GATHERING PRAYER (Responsive)

Geoff Wall

Gracious and Holy God, we gather this morning, opening to your healing power.

We do not understand all the things that make us whole, nor the mystery of all that cripples us in body, mind, and spirit.

But we do know this: that the presence of Christ,
the hidden wholeness coursing through your wondrous universe,
weaves, from the dropped threads of unfinished lives, a fabric of unmatched beauty.

**We come this morning, seeking less to understand this Healing Source
than to open ourselves to its sacred flow, released in us through this
simple act of gathering, singing, praying and holding one another
and our beautiful, broken planet in your love. Amen.**

If Darwin Prayed, Bruce Sanguin

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC

"Heal the World"

Michael Jackson

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD

Micah 4:1-4

pg. 864

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.

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD

"The Gift of Prophets and Poets"

Rev. Paul Witmer

HYMN OF PREPARATION #661

"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

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

Geoff Wall

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Donna Rusk

FEAST OF JOY

"Earth Song"

*SONG OF SENDING FORTH

"Man in the Mirror"

Michael Jackson

[Chorus]

I'm starting with the man in the mirror,

I'm asking him to change his ways.

And no message could have been any clearer:

If you wanna make the world a better place,

take a look at yourself, and then make a change.

*POSTLUDE "Heal the World"

Reprise

Michael Jackson

*BENEDICTION

Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister
Judith Henry, Music Director

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.