

March 9

Open/Close Church	Doug Minear
Provide Bread	Donna Rusk
Comm. Preparation	VeeAnn Cartwright
Greeters	Shelby Warwick Dillon Warwick
Candle Lighter	Addison Chambers
Worship Leader	Lynn Heuss
Diaconate	Erin Hiscox Scott Lair Grant Lair
Communion Prayer	Drue Cavanaugh
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Tammy Lair
Fellowship Refreshments	Tammy Lair
Sunday School Teachers	Sarah Hughes K-2 Corby Roberts 3-5
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk

March 16

Open/Close Church	Doug Minear
Provide Bread	Donna Rusk
Comm. Preparation	Hal Rusk
Greeters	Derek Roberts Corby Roberts
Candle Lighter	Calvin Young
Worship Leader	Drue Cavanaugh
Diaconate	Doug Minear Barb Minear Donna Rusk
Communion Prayer	Chris McAtee
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Donna Rusk
Fellowship Refreshments	Donna Rusk
Sunday School Teachers	Sarah Hughes K-2 Donna Rusk 3-5
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Mar. 9	Mar. 10	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	Mar. 13	Mar. 14	Mar. 15	Mar. 16
Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Children's SS 10:15 a.m. Journey In Meets After Worship Taizè Worship 6:00 p.m.	Shofar 5-9:45 p.m. Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m. Soup Supper Lenten Study SPLASH 5:45-7:15 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Book Club 11:30 a.m.		Shofar 3- 10:00 p.m.	Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Children's SS 10:15 a.m. Food Pantry Sunday Journey Out Meets After Worship

**Lenten Opportunities to
Grow in our Love of God and
Deepen our Connection to each other:
Wednesdays**

5:45 Soup Supper
**6:30 Adult Study: "Embracing Emergence
Christianity"**
**Children's Study: "Becoming Instruments
of Peace"**

Financial Notes
 Mar. 2, 2014
 Total Deposit \$6,082.25

covenant christian church


 march 9, 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 . . .

March 9, 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 “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” Holden/arr Tornquist

***PRAYER THROUGH SONG**

*Holy one may your presence here open our minds
May your Spirit among us help us to find
You are rising up now like a fountain of grace
From the holy ground here in this place. (repeat)*

***GATHERING PRAYER (Responsive)** Lynn Heuss

This is the prayer they said:

**We give thanks to you, every life and heart stretches toward you,
O name untroubled, honored with the name of God,
praised with the name of the Father.**

To everyone and everything comes the kindness of the Father, and love and desire.

**And if there is a sweet and simple teaching, it gifts us mind, word, and knowledge:
mind that we may understand you;
word, that we may interpret you;
knowledge, that we may know you.**

We rejoice and are enlightened by your knowledge.

We rejoice that you have taught us about yourself.

We rejoice that in the body you have made us divine through your knowledge.

The thanksgiving of the human who reaches you is this alone: that we know you.

We have known you, O light of mind. O light of life, we have known you.

O womb of all that grows, we have known you.

O womb pregnant with the nature of the Father, we have known you.

O never-ending endurance of the Father who gives birth, so we worship your goodness.

One wish we ask: we wish to be protected in knowledge.

One protection we desire: that we not stumble in this life.

*When they said these things in prayer, they welcomed one another,
and they went to eat their holy food.*

*“The Prayer of Thanksgiving” comes from the 1945 discovery of the 52 documents in Nag Hammadi,
Egypt, and is very representative of prayer forms of the earliest Christ movements.*

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** Lynn Heuss

So let us welcome one another with a sign of Christ’s peace.

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

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You are rising up now like a fountain of grace
From the holy ground here in this place, here in this place. (repeat)*

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC “Go Down, Moses” arr Shackley

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Matthew 4:1-11 pg. 3 Lynn Heuss

MORNING PRAYERS/PASTORAL PRAYER

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD “Silencing the Inner Critic” Rev. Paul Witmer

HYMN OF PREPARATION #251 “O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

(During this Lenten Season, 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 Lynn Heuss

COMMUNION PRAYER Drue Cavanaugh

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. You may also visit the Baptistry where you can light a candle in prayer, or leave a prayer need on the cross.

***HYMN OF PRAISE AND COMMITMENT #267** “Blessed Quietness”
(Verses 1-3)

***POSTLUDE** “Wayfaring Stranger” arr T Smith

***BENEDICTION**

Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

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