

**September 13**  
 Bring Bread & Prepare  
 Communion Corby Roberts  
 Greeter Carolyn Ratashak  
 Candle Lighter  
 Worship Leader Kristin Warwick  
 Deacons Tom Small  
 Linda Small  
 Linda Yeoman  
 Drue Cavanaugh  
 Communion Prayer  
 Sunday School Teacher Lynn Heuss  
 Fellowship Set Up/Clean Lynn Heuss  
 Fellowship Refreshments Lynn Heuss  
 Church Transportation Hal Rusk  
 277-7574

**September 20**  
 Bring Bread & Prepare  
 Communion Lynn Heuss  
 Greeter Doug Minear  
 Candle Lighter  
 Worship Leader Drue Cavanaugh  
 Deacons Doug Minear  
 Russ Lundy  
 Betty Lou Lundy  
 Lynn Heuss  
 Linda Yeoman  
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Sept. 13	Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 19	Sept. 20
Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Children's SS 10:15 a.m.  Family Fellowship Event at Conf. Center 4-7:00 p.m.  Family Promise thru Sept. 20	Office Closed		Out-to-Lunch 11:30 a.m. Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.  Congregational Gathering 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.			Adult SS 8:45 a.m.  Food Pantry Sunday  50th Anniversary Work Day (if needed)

**Becoming a Church of Welcome and Grace**  
**Wednesday, September 16**  
*The Picture of Welcome and Grace*  
**Wednesday, September 23**  
*The Practice of Welcome and Grace*  
 Join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. and conversation and exploration to follow.

Financial Notes  
 Sept. 6, 2015  
 Total Deposit \$4,306.50



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.

covenant christian church



september 13, 2015

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 . . .

September 13, 2015  
Worship 10:00 a.m.

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Mark 7:24-30 pg. 42

Kristin Warwick

### A WORD OF WELCOME

(Please take a moment to sign the attendance register in the pew and pass it along your row.  
Please see the video slideshow for announcements of upcoming events at Covenant.)

PRELUDE "Christians, We Have Met to Worship" Moore/arr Hayes

\*OPENING SONG "Radical Man" (see insert)

\*GATHERING PRAYER (Responsive)

Kristin Warwick

Like strong grass pushing itself upward  
**Between thick layers of concrete sidewalk**  
Or the sun refusing to stay behind clouds.  
**Like the push of water in a flowing spring**  
Or the urgent, pressing contractions of birth.  
**Like the stubborn oak leaves of last autumn**  
Shoved off by spring's burst of budding life.  
**So are you spiritual vigor and strong energy**  
**Forever present within our hidden selves,**  
Sustaining and growing us into deep love.  
**Today, may we acknowledge the Force of Life within.**  
*Joyce Rupp, Fragments of Your Ancient Name*

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Kristin Warwick

*Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.*

\*PRAYER THROUGH SONG

Well they called Him the Rebel-Rousin' Radical Man.  
Loved a party. Loved his friends.  
Laughed with joy. Surprised the sad.  
Made all the self-righteous people mad. Oh. Oh. Oh. Oh. Oh.  
The rebel-rousin' radical man. Oh Yeah!  
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WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "The Servant Song" Gilliard/Hass

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG

\*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

### MORNING PRAYERS/THE LORD'S 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 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 "Moved by the Other"

Rev. Paul Witmer

HYMN OF PREPARATION #414 "Eat This Bread"

### 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

Kristin Warwick

COMMUNION PRAYER

Drue Cavanaugh

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Bradbury/arr Wolaver

*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 #707 "Marching to Zion"

\*POSTLUDE "I Need Thee Every Hour" Lowry/arr Wolaver

\*BENEDICTION

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

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

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Upset their religious plans.  
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Concentrate on what will stay."  
"Love your enemies, feed the poor."  
Radical man said, "I'm the door."

### Chorus

2. "Do to others what you want from them.  
Forgive each other. Don't condemn."  
"A greedy attitude will never last."  
"Kingdom of God is for those who ask."  
"People come before material things."  
We're not puppets on anyone's strings.  
"Live like a child" by my side.  
"Come be happy" No need to hide.

### Chorus

3. "Love your neighbor as yourself."  
"Don't hoard money for power and wealth."  
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