

covenant christian church



september 25, 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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come journey together...

**September 25**

Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Olin & Jane Shane
Greeter	
Candle Lighter	Shelby Warwick
Worship Leader	Karen Vroman
Deacons	Tom Small Linda Small Erin Hiscox
Sunday School Teacher	Jay Sohn
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Karen Vroman
Fellowship Refreshments	Karen Vroman
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 277-7574

**October 2**

Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Drue Cavanaugh
Greeters	Gretchen Pope Judy Searcy
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	
Deacons	Drue Cavanaugh Jay Sohn Julie McClatchey
Communion Prayer	
Sunday School Teacher	Linda Small
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	Jay Sohn
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

Sept. 25	Sept. 26	Sept. 27	Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2
Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Children's SS 10:15 a.m.			Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.  Choir 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.		Men's Fellowship 8:00 a.m.	Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Children's SS 10:15 a.m.  Reconcilia- tion Offering Received
	Office Closed						

<b>Financial Notes</b>	
September 18, 2016	
Total Deposit	\$3,891.03



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HEARING LOOP INSTALLED  
 Switch hearing aid to T-Coil mode  
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September 25, 2016  
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.  
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 *"Little David Play on Your Harp and Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho"*  
arr Schaum

\*OPENING HYMN #53 *"Morning Has Broken"*

\*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive) Karen Vroman

Mighty and tender God, you, the deep within all,

**You, the encompassing heart of all,**

We enter now into your kin-dom, your community of wholeness, a realm of peace.

**We bring our hunger, and the hunger of our world.**

We bring our inner stranger, and the exiled of the world.

**We bring our hurting selves, and the hurting of the world.**

We open to healing.

**Inspired, we dare to imagine integrity in our inner life, our relationships,  
our planet, and our political systems.**

We dare to imagine the reign of Christ,

**Love's Servant, your heart for an unfolding cosmos. Amen.**

*Bruce Sanguin, If Darwin Prayed*

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;**

**I want to see you. (repeat)**

**To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory;**

**Lord, pour out your pow'r and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."**

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC *"This New Way"* Written by Judith

### TIME WITH THE YOUNG

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Luke 16:19-31 pg. 79 Karen Vroman

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.

\*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

**Response:**

**Call to me, and I will answer you and tell you,  
Great and unsearchable, things you do not know.**

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD "The Chasm that Divides" Rev. Paul Witmer

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### 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 PRAYER

Karen Vroman

In Jesus Christ we have looked upon your goodness and glory, and have been received as your children—even as your friends.

**In this bread we now bless and eat, we affirm this mystery: that you were once in our midst in human flesh, and are even now in our midst by the power of your Spirit.**

Bless us as we partake, and let the living Christ work in us and through us.

**As this cup is poured out, we remember that the life of Jesus Christ was poured out for us.**

As we drink this cup, we confess that this Christ whose life was poured out is now the risen Lord, who reigns in glory.

**We pray that we may learn at your table to pour out our love for others in true and humble service, so all the glory may be Christ's. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY *"Just a Closer Walk and What a Friend"* arr Keveren

\*SONG OF SENDING FORTH #628 *"Precious Lord, take My Hand"*

\*POSTLUDE *"My All in All"* arr Hayes

### \*BENEDICTION

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

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