

<u>September 24</u>	
Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Christine Denny
Greeter	Gretchen Pope
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Donna Rusk
Deacons	Linda Yeoman Karen Vroman VeeAnn Cartwright
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Donna Rusk
Fellowship Refreshments	Donna Rusk
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 321-8974

<u>October 1</u>	
Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Karen Vroman
Greeter	Derek Roberts
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Don Hiscox
Deacons	Karen Vroman
Communion Prayer	
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

Sept. 24	Sept. 25	Sept. 26	Sept. 27	Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1
Adult SS <u>8:45 p.m.</u> Worship 10:00 a.m.			Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.			Adult SS <u>8:45 a.m.</u> Worship 10:00 a.m.
Reconciliation Offering	Office Closed		Choir 7:30 p.m.	SHOFAR 6:30 p.m.			Paul at Retreat Guest Minister, Rev. Sue Woods
							Reconciliation Offering

<u>Financial Notes</u>	
Sept. 17, 2017	
Total Deposit	\$929.99



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covenant christian church



september 24, 2017

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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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 "Peace Like a River" arr Sanborn

*OPENING HYMN #517 (Verses 1-3) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive) Donna Rusk

How often we find ourselves
In a prison of our own making,
**Held by resentment and hostility
Or cultural pressures to look good,**
Pressed by the need to be right,
**Caught up in heartless criticism
Or useless apprehensions.**
You free us from one prison cell,
But then we move to another.
Help us to be fully liberated.

Joyce Rupp, Fragments of Your Ancient Name

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #517 (Verse 4) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed form glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "Celtic Communion" arr Hayes

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Exodus 12:21-28 pg. 58 Donna Rusk

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD "Passover Remembrance" Rev. Paul Witmer

deepening our connection to each other . . .

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

MORNING PRAYERS/PASTORAL 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

SUNG RESPONSE "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!**

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

Donna Rusk

COMMUNION PRAYER (Responsive)

With grateful hearts, O God, we come to Christ's Table:

Remembering that you spoke creation into existence and pronounced it good;
Remembering that you called servants to make your word known and declared your reign;
Remembering that you effected salvation through Jesus Christ and reconciled us to you.
Be known to us now, through the gift of your Spirit,
in the breaking of bread and the drinking of cup:
**Renew your image within us; restore our trust in your love;
refresh our spirits for caring service.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "Jesus Loves Me based on Claire de Lune" Bradbury/Debussy/arr Bock

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.

. . . and sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

*SONG OF SENDING FORTH #663 "Go Down, Moses" (Verses 3-5)

*POSTLUDE "Trust and Obey" arr Raney

*BENEDICTION

Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

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