



COVENANT

Presbyterian Church, College Station

A community of faith that reaches out,
proclaims the love of Jesus Christ,
welcomes everyone, and cares for one another.

Sunday, April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING SONG

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
(vs. 1 & 2)

GG 418

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

WELCOME

Christine Williams, Liturgist

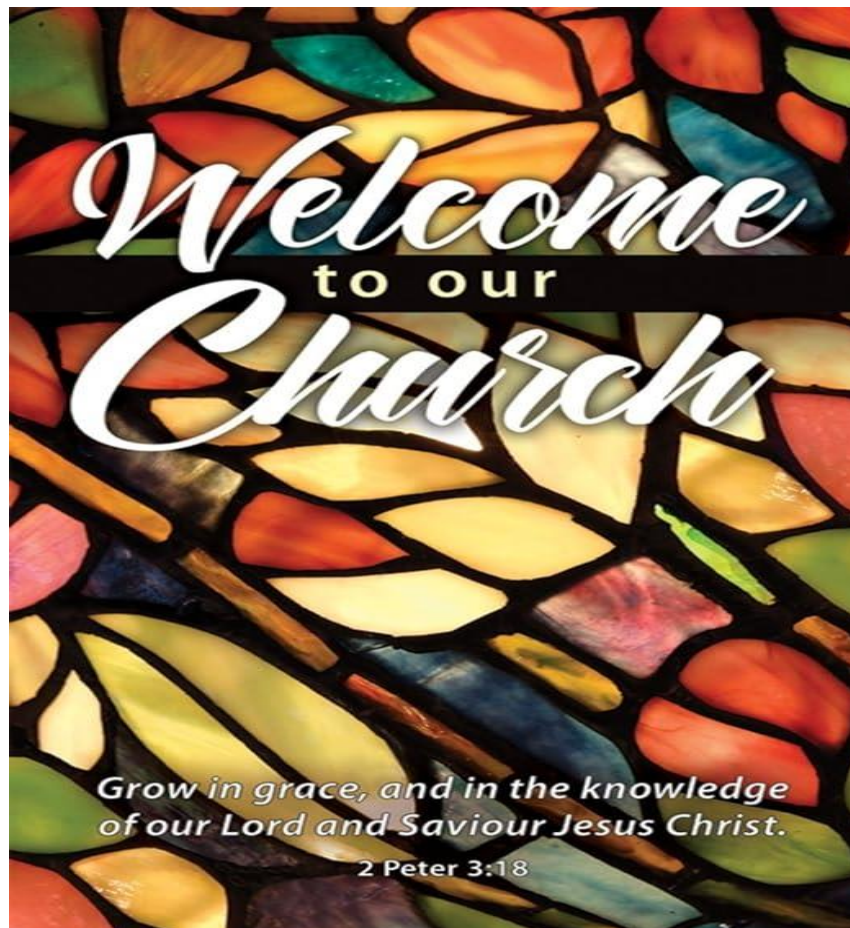
The Lord be with you

and also with you!

This is the day the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Welcome to the worship of God at Covenant Presbyterian Church, College Station...



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carson Hollis, Guest Speaker

Come, walk in green pastures.

We follow the Shepherd.

Come, lie down in green pastures.

We trust the Shepherd.

Come, come dine at the table of abundance.

We are fed by the Shepherd.

Come, dwell in God's house.

We live in the Shepherd's care.

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

GG 39



1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

PRAYER OF ADORATION and CONFESSION

Liturgist

Thanks and praise to you, O God, for the gift of Jesus our Shepherd. For we like sheep have gone astray, each of us to our own way, and you laid upon Him the iniquity of us all. Trusting in His faithful obedience and the presence of Your Spirit, we humbly confess before you,

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; we are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

~ a time of personal confession to God in silence

... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News:

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ,

and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father
Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

GG 581

*SHARING OF PEACE

Liturgist

Jesus the Good Shepherd seeks us and invites us to seek God.

And as those who seek God, how are we to live?

We are to love God with all that we are: heart, mind, and strength; and we are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

May, then, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you!

You are invited to stand and share the Peace of Christ with those around you.

*FELLOWSHIP CHORUS

Jesus Loves Me!

GG 188

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Wes Wheeler



Children's Amen Song (twice through)
Amen, Amen, In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen, Amen, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

~ Children are invited to return to their families ~
Nursery care is available for younger children ages infant to 3.
Children's Chapel available for children ages 4 – Third Grade

ANTHEM

A Jubilant Song
Covenant Presbyterian Choir
Directed by Rebecca Walters and Accompanist, April Shu

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

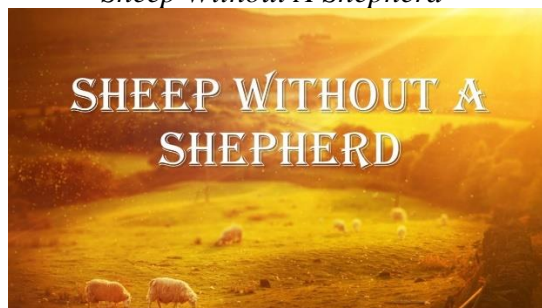
Psalm 23
Mark 6:30-44

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Sheep Without A Shepherd

Carson Hollis, Guest Speaker



*HYMN

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

GG 803



1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION and MINISTRY

Fran Ligler
Pentecost Sunday Offering

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Good Shepherd, within your embrace we are safe and secure.....

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray,

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

CALL OF OFFERING

Christine Williams

There are four ways to give to the ministry of Jesus Christ through Covenant Presbyterian Church:

1. Give online through our church website: covenantpresbyterian.org/give
2. Set up an auto draft through your bank
3. Mail a check to the church office
4. Place your physical offering in the white church on the back tables.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

GG 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God all creatures here below;
 Praise God above ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

GG 462

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Carson Hollis

*CORPORATE BENEDICTION

Nourished by the Shepherd's abundant love, we go forth to walk in paths of righteousness, and to love one another in truth and action. May God's abundant blessings abide with us forever.

Amen.



The flowers are given anonymously.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

More Like You

STF 2167

More like you, Je-sus, more like you.

Fill my heart with your de-sire to make me more like you.

More like you, Je-sus, more like you. *Fine*

Touch my lips with ho - ly fire and make me more like you.

POSTLUDE

Now go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Join us next Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 10:30a.m. – Our guest minister will be Reverend Suzanne Gulick and Tina Hanna will be the Liturgist.

Access the bulletin with your Smartphone on our website under “Worship Resources.”

www.covenantpresbyterian.org

As always, the complete bulletin, including song lyrics, is projected onto the screen.

VISITORS: *We are so happy you joined us today! You are always welcome here! Please sign our Friendship Pad at the end of each row so we may acknowledge your visit with us.*



Covenant also has a YouTube Channel! The link: **Subscribe!** Watch us live or later!! http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPnIE3o_HCJ_UjhOqoYpFZg



Please be aware that this is a living calendar and is fluid. Check the website calendar for the latest updates which have been provided to the church office. The website calendar syncs with the Church Office Calendar every 30 minutes.

This Coming Week @ Covenant <i>(as of Thursday, 4.25.2024)</i>						
Sun., 4.28.2024	Mon., 4.29.2024	Tues., 4.30.2024	Wed., 5.1.2024	Thurs., 5.2.2024	Fri., 5.3.2024*	Sat., 5.4.2024
9:15-10:10am 101A Uno Mas, Adult SS				9:30a, DS & CC Chapel		
10:30-11:45am Worship		2:30p, Book Club				
12-1 p Choir Rehearsal			12noon, Covenant Prays, FB live*			
		5-6p, SH, GS 9020				
1:30-3:30p, SH GS 9020	6-7p, Sanctuary Dynacisers					
4-6p, SH, BSA (girls) 1102	7-8:30 – BSA 102 SH			6-7p, Sanctuary, Dynacisers		
	7:15-9:30p (Sanctuary) BV Community Band	7-8p, SH BSA 102				
*Church Office is always closed on Fridays				Please call 979-694-7700 w/questions.		

Announcements:

Book Club will meet on Tuesday at 2:30 to discuss American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins.

The Flower Calendar has these dates available: June 2nd & 9th, and July 14th.

There is a Survey on the back table to complete. We would like to start a Meals and Missions dinner beginning in June and we are asking for some input on what would work best for the majority, more information will follow.



Carson Hollis, Guest Speaker

Christine Williams, Liturgist

Rebecca (Becca) Walters, Director of Music

April Shu, Accompanist

(vacant) College Intern for Youth Ministry

Reverend Callie Candee, Parish Associate and Pastoral Care Minister during Transition

Reverend Amy Klinkovsky, Campus Minister

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Joey Ganem '24

Nina Wright '24

Lynne Batson '25

Tim Hardy '25

Ken Schroeder '25

Anne Steele '25

June Arnette '26

Fran Ligler '26

Fred Medina '26

Chase Straw '26