



# The Covenant of Love



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(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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**Welcome Visitors!** We are excited that you have chosen to worship with us today; all are welcome and beloved—all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, socio-economic statuses, *everyone*.

## I. Prelude – (Joshua Hegg)

## II. Welcome and Announcements – (Mary Kearns)

- Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. Elder’s Meeting on Zoom.
- Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in K-Hall.
- Thursday - Music practice at 10:00; Boy Scouts in Fireside Room at 2:00 p.m.; Bible study in Room 6 and Zoom at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday – 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle in Bethany.
- Saturday – 1:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship at the Roberts’ house
- Sunday – 9:00 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom, and Facebook Live; No fellowship until further notice.

## III. Opening Hymn – CH #25 “Praise to the Lord the Almighty” (Joshua Hegg)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation.

All ye who hear,  
now to God’s temple draw near.  
Join me in in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously  
reigneth,  
who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen?  
All that is needful hath been  
granted in what God ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and  
defend thee.  
Surely God's goodness and mercy here daily attend  
thee.  
Ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who with great love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and  
restore thee,  
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.  
Then to thy need  
God as a mother doth speed,  
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peoples and  
races,  
all that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold  
graces.  
Let the Amen  
sound from God's people again.  
Gladly forever sing praises.

#### **IV. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)**

As members of the Christian Church,  
We confess that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God,  
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.

In Christ's name and by his grace  
we accept our mission of witness  
and service to all people.

**We rejoice in God,  
Maker of heaven and earth  
And in the covenant of love  
Which binds us to God and one another.**

#### **V. Children Dismissed for Sunday School (Peggy Davidson)**

#### **VI. Colossians 3:12 – 15 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

**VII. Sermon - “The Covenant of Love” (Jesse Kearns)**

**VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #323 “Wonderful Words of Life” (Joshua Hegg)**

Sing them over again to me,  
wonderful words of life;  
let me more of their beauty see,  
wonderful words of life.  
Words of life and beauty,  
teach me faith and duty:  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all  
wonderful words of life;  
sinner, list to the loving call,  
wonderful words of life.  
All so freely given,  
wooing us to heaven:  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.

Sweetly echo the gospel call,  
wonderful words of life;  
offer pardon and peace to all,  
wonderful words of life.

Jesus, only Savior,  
sanctify forever.

Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.

**IX. Moment for Mission: Disciples Making a Difference**

**X. Prayers of the People (Mary Kearns)**

**XI. Communion Song TOG #5 “Come to the Table of Grace” (Joshua Hegg)**

(see next page)

# Come to the Table of Grace 5

*♩ = 84 (♩ = ♩)*

Chords: F, C7, F, F7/C

Come to the ta - ble of \*grace.

Chords: B>, C, F, C

Come to the ta - ble of \*grace.

Chords: F, B>/F, F7, B>, Bdim7

This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine.

Chords: F/C, C7, F

Come to the ta - ble of \*grace.

\*Additional stanzas:  
2 peace 3 love 4 joy 5 hope

## XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Maxwell Erwin and Barbara Poetker)

## XIII. Partaking Communion Together

## XIV. Blessing/Benediction

## XV. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)

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## CALENDAR

### **This Sunday**

- 9:00 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

### **Tuesday**

- 7:00 p.m. Elder's meeting

### **Wednesday**

- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 Koinonia Hall, Fireside

### **Thursday**

- 10:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4
- 2:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Eagle Scout class, Fireside
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)

### **Friday**

- 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany
- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Grief Group, Spiritual Care Center

### **Saturday**

- 1:00 p.m. Young Adults Fellowship, Edy and Blaine Roberts' home

### **Next Sunday**

- 9:00 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- No Fellowship until further notice

## Some FAQs for Visitors

- **What is Communion?** Communion is a part of each Sunday morning where we remember the last meal that Jesus ate with the disciples by eating bread and drinking grape juice.
- **May I receive Communion?** Yes! Everyone is invited to receive -- we have no barrier to participating in communion.
- **What's a "Doxology"?** Some Sundays we will sing a "doxology" (literally "saying of glory") after we receive the offering. It is a prayer written in 1674 and is popular in Protestant Churches -- plus, we love the words.
- **Do we say the Lord's Prayer together?** We do pray the Lord's Prayer together occasionally on Sunday mornings during the prayer time.
- **What else should I know?** We'd love to share more of our loving and inclusive community with you. At FCC, you'll find all generations worshipping together and participating in church activities. We have activities for kids and youth, and we love to share in community together.
- **Visit our website to donate online, subscribe to our mailing lists, and learn more about us!** [www.fccchico.com](http://www.fccchico.com)
- **Masks:** Masks are recommended but not required. Adult and child size masks are available in the Sanctuary as well as hand sanitizer.