

Education Hour

Children & Youth Education:

Our children and youth will meet together for Summer Sunday School. We will gather in the Library of the church building each week to learn about the people of the Old Testament and to have a lot of fun.

Adult Education:

In the Sanctuary - Kickoff of our new occasional series "What Is Justice? How Do We Do the Right Thing?" In this first class, Sidney Burrus will present material from the book *Justice: What is the Right Thing to Do?* by Michael Sandel, which prompted the idea for classes about the various aspects of justice.

Bible Discussion - Bible study in Meeks House will be led by Jeff Nobles on June 13. Text: 1 Kings 21:1010, (11-14), 15-21a.

Parents Forum - Parents Forum meets every third Sunday of the month during Education Hour in Laura's office in Meeks House.

Calendar

Sunday 6/13	9:00 a.m.	Education
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Fellowship Bread for the World Letter Writing
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	All-Church Committee Meetings
Tuesday 6/15	6:30 p.m.	Yoga
Wednesday 6/16	9:00 a.m.	Garden Work Day
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Saturday 6/19	9:00 a.m.	Garden Work Day
Sunday 6/20	9:00 a.m.	Education Parents Forum
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Theology Book Group

Helpful Information

Childcare Childcare is provided in the nursery beginning at 10:15 a.m.

Communication Cards If you're a visitor with us, please fill out a blue Communication Card and drop it in the Offering basket.

Covenant Membership Membership in Covenant Church is open to all persons who affirm the loving presence of God, the life and teachings of Jesus, and the revealed Spirit throughout the ages. Those interested in learning more about Covenant are encouraged to express that interest to one of the Ministers or the Worship Leader. Any person desiring membership first becomes an inquirer and is asked to attend an orientation class designed to acquaint inquirers with the church and its beliefs. After a period of eight weeks, the inquirer may indicate a desire to become a member.

Celebrations and Concerns If you would like to share a celebration or concern with the Covenant community, please post it on the announcements board in the Narthex or e-mail it to prayer@covenanthouston.org.

Covenant Newsletter To subscribe to the monthly newsletter, please send an e-mail request to office@covenanthouston.org. The newsletter is also available online at www.covenanthouston.org.

Covenant Recycles If you do not wish to keep your bulletin this Sunday, please recycle it by placing it on the stand located in the Narthex on your way out.

Covenant Church affirms the sanctity, dignity, and equality of human beings and the value of all life in the universe. We welcome persons of all racial and ethnic heritages, all sexual orientations, and all faith perspectives to our Christian community. We stand for each individual's right to worship God and to respond to God's call to ministry in her or his own understanding of God's all-encompassing love.

We value a holistic approach to faith and seek to worship in ways that are intellectually credible, emotionally stimulating, spiritually engaging and contemporarily relevant.

We value music and art and ritual to express what we cannot ever fully say.

We value participation so that we might hear many approaches to our shared faith.

Covenant Church
an ecumenical liberal baptist
congregation

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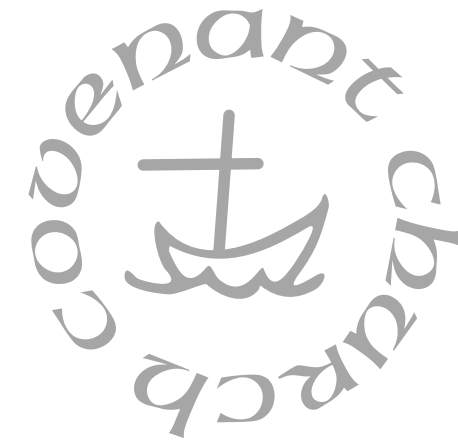
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*A Service of Worship
for Sunday
13 June 2010*

*We have come to dissociate belief from faith
and we think of belief as a way of thinking
when the original intent was not to describe
a way of thinking but a way of acting.*

Clarence Jordan

please enter for worship in silence

* Prelude
Prelude: Antiphon, Opus 18, No. 2
Marcel Dupré

Words of Assurance

+ Affirmation of Faith

Call to Worship

Music
Fantasy Piece, Number 1
Robert Schumann

**Jesus says in his society there is a new way for people to live:
you show wisdom, by trusting people;
you show leadership, by serving;
you handle offenders, by forgiving;
you handle money, by sharing;
you handle enemies, by loving;
and you handle violence, by suffering.**

*+ Opening Hymn 343
“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”
Beecher

Proclamation: Mary Magdalene and My Aunt Carrie V

+ Hymn 386
“O for a World”
Azmon

In fact you have a new attitude toward everything, toward everybody.

+ Opening Sentences

**All that quickens sympathetic imaginings,
all that awakens sensitivity to others’ feelings,
all that strengthens courage,
all that adds to the love of living—
belongs to us.**

Invitation

**Toward nature, toward the state in which you happen to live,
toward women, toward slaves, toward all and every single thing.
Because this is a Jesus society and you repent, not by feeling bad,
but by *thinking differently*.**

**May our spirits be quickened and enriched, strengthened and
enhanced by our being here together.**

Pastoral Prayer

+ Closing Hymn 408
“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”
Germany

Scripture Lesson
Luke 7:36-8:3

Offertory:
“Matins”
Healey Willan

Words of Dismissal

These are our sacred stories.
Thanks be to God.

+ Prayer of Dedication

Postlude
Allegro deciso (Heures Mystiques)
Léon Boëllmann

A Time for Children

**On this day
we give ourselves
to translating the good news
into the vernacular
of our time and place
just as Clarence did.**

*+ Response:
Personent Hodie

*Down to earth, as a dove, Came to light holy love:
Jesus Christ from above bringing great salvation
Meant for every nation.
Let us sing, sing, sing, dance and spring, spring, spring.
Christ is here, ever near! Gloria in excelsis.*

**May our lives themselves
embody the words
of our liberal faith
as we seek to enact
forgiveness, reconciliation,
and peace.**

Call to Confession

+ Doxology
Old Hundredth

Silent Confession

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Sing praise all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Maker, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Unison Confession

**Bind up the bitterness of painful divisions
Mend broken hearts and failed friendships.
Inflame hearts that have grown cold
Breathe freshness into tired spirits
Open wide the windows of our hearts.**

Worship
The acolyte lights the candles at the beginning of worship and carries the light out at the conclusion of the service. The acolyte is **Anne Greene**.
The Worship Leaders are **Martha Murphree** and **Virginia Wells**.
The Call to Worship is “If Love Be There” by Robert Weston.
The Opening Sentences are from George Brooks in *Rejoice Together: Prayers, Meditations and Other Readings*, edited by Helen Pickett.
The Time for Children is led by **Jennifer Moore**.
The Unison Confession is by **Bob Tucker**.
Susan Wegner is the cellist.
The proclaimer is **Jeff Nobles**.
The Prayer of Dedication is by **Jeremy Rutledge**.
The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from *The Blue Mountain of China* by Rudy Wiebe.

* *Ushers will seat latecomers*
+ *Please stand if you are able*

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