

## 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** - A second class on "What Is Justice? How Do We Do the Right Thing?" will be presented by Ron Sandberg. He will share 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 Tim Wegner on June 20. Text: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a.

**Parents Forum** - Parents Forum meets every third Sunday of the month during Education Hour in Laura's office in Meeks House. We will be meeting this Sunday, June 20 at 9:00 a.m.

## Calendar

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
Monday 6/21	7:30 p.m.	Summer Solstice Labyrinth Walk
Tuesday 6/22	6:30 p.m.	Yoga
Wednesday 6/23	9:00 a.m.	Garden Work Day
Saturday 6/26	9:00 a.m.	Art As Prayer
	12:00 p.m.	Pride Festival
	8:30 p.m.	Pride Parade (Pick-up at church at 7 p.m.)
Sunday 6/27	9:00 a.m.	Education
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Literary Book Group - <i>Light in August</i> by William Faulkner

## 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](mailto:prayer@covenanthouston.org).

**Covenant Newsletter** To subscribe to the monthly newsletter, please send an e-mail request to [office@covenanthouston.org](mailto:office@covenanthouston.org). The newsletter is also available online at [www.covenanthouston.org](http://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

### Members of Covenant

Ministers

Jeremy Rutledge

Minister

Laura Mayo

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Fran Avera

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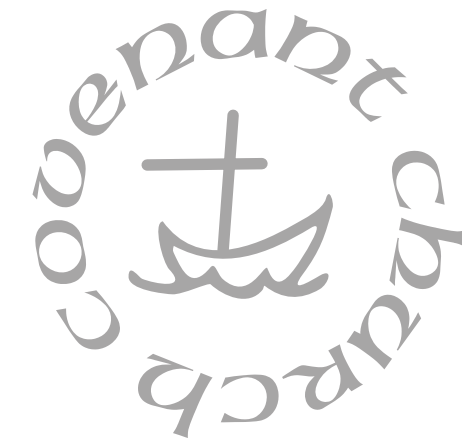
Organist

Pat Long

Office Administrator

Hanh-Nhi Baik

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## *A Service of Worship for Sunday 20 June 2010*

*To think of the immense wall of potential  
hidden deep within our being,  
to understand that the nature of the mind  
is fundamental purity and kindness,  
and to meditate on its luminosity,  
will enable you to develop self-confidence and courage.*

The 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama

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*please enter for worship in silence*

\* Prelude André Fleury  
Comme une marche (Vingt-Quatre Pièces)

Words of Assurance

+ Affirmation of Faith

Call to Worship

Music Alexander Arutiunian  
Aria et Scherzo (Adagio)

**Each of us is an artist  
Whose task it is to shape life  
Into some semblance of the pattern  
We dream about. The molding  
Is not of self alone, but of shared  
Tomorrow and times we shall never see.  
So let us be about our task.  
The materials are very precious  
and perishable.**

\*+ Opening Hymn 335 O Waly Waly  
“Though I May Speak”

Proclamation: Power and Fear: Being Myself

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn 391 Hendon  
“Take My Life”

**I beseech You, God, to show my full self to myself.**

+ Closing Hymn 369 I’m Gonna Live  
“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Scripture Lesson I Kings 19:1-15a

Invitation

These are our sacred stories.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Dismissal

A Time for Children

Offering

Postlude Eric Thiman  
Intermezzo

\*+ Response: Personent Hodie

Offertory: John Weaver  
Toccata

*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.*

+ Prayer of Dedication

**To be fully human, fully myself,  
To accept all that I am, all that you envision,  
This is my prayer.  
Walk with me out to the rim of life,  
Beyond security.  
Take me to the exquisite edge of courage  
And release me to become.**

## Worship

The acolyte lights the candles at the beginning of worship and carries the light out at the conclusion of the service.

The Worship Leaders are **John Pirtle** and **Virginia Wells**.

The Call to Worship is by Emily Dickinson.

The Opening Prayer is from St. Augustine.

The Unison Confession is from *A New Climate for Theology: God, the World, and Global Warming* by Sallie McFague.

**Charles Canales** plays the trumpet.

The proclaimer is **Moses Mason**.

The Prayer of Dedication is of Sue Monk Kidd from *When the Heart Waits*.

The Affirmation of Faith is from “73 Voices” by Arthur Graham.

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Unison Confession

**Remembering daily and in particular ways  
who I am and where I fit in the scheme of things  
is a central spiritual discipline.  
Coming to faith is not so much knowing who God is  
as knowing who I am.  
I am not the center of things;  
I do not live by my own merit or means;  
I am finite, mortal, and small.  
And yet...I am not on my own;  
I cannot account for my own existence,  
let alone its moments of flourishing, for myself.  
I belong to something outside of myself  
that is at the same time inside  
and all around me.**

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

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