



*A Service of Worship for
Children and Youth Sunday
23 January 2022*

We will need compassion to . . .
 Be kind to people
 To be happy
 Be brave and welcoming
 Because we just need it!
I will remember to show compassion even when . . .
 We are stuck at home
They say they don't want to be your friend anymore
 They won't return the favor
 When I love on my pets.

-written by the children and youth of Covenant; October, 2020
Nora B., Vee N., Isaac and Hannah F., Owen and Grayson S., Lucas and Sebastian C.

Preparing for worship with silence

Gathering in peace

Peace be with you!
And also with you!

Ringling in the hour
Silence is kept

Prelude

William H. Harris
(1883-1973)

“Prelude”

Call to Worship

*+Opening Hymn #461

Abbot’s Leigh

“God Is Here!”

+Opening Prayer

Thank you, God for everything that you give us.

Also thank you for good friends and family.

Thank you for the animals and the stop signs.

Thank you for everything in the world:

trees, plants, clouds, the sky, birds and planes.

**Thank you, God for helping me overcome my fears
and helping me through tough times.**

Help me realize that I cannot be perfect.

Thank you that I am alive and that I have a life.

Thank you, God for love.

Thank you, God for all mamas and daddys and for mine.

Thank you, God that I am who I am.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 43:18-19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31

These are our sacred stories.

Thanks be to God.

Time for Children

+Response:

Lasst uns erfreuen

**In every land begin the song,
To every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise
And fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Unison Confession

**God, we want to be respectful, to love mercy,
to do justice, to work together, to help people in need,
to give food to the hungry, and to help animals in need.
Sometimes we are able to listen to others,
love others, and count others in.
Sometimes we are able to say nothing
if there is nothing kind to say.
And sometimes we can give someone a hand
and count on them to give us a hand when we need one.

But God, sometimes we can't.
We want to be respectful and responsible
but sometimes we just need more sleep
so we won't be as grumpy when people bother us.
We don't want to be annoyed.**

Help us always to be loving, to believe in teamwork, to listen to others.

Amen

Words of Assurance

Music

Nilo W. Hovey
Beldon Leonard

“Gypsy Moods”

Silent Reflection

Proclamation

Hymn #436

Whitfield

“We Are Your People”

Prayer

Invitation

Offering

Offertory

Matthew Camidge
(1758-1844)

“Gavotte”

+Prayer of Dedication

**Let us stand with arms open and welcome others into our hearts.
Let us accept everyone regardless of what they believe or how they look.
So may it be.**

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

*Praise God the Source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame,
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen.*

+Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in a world
Where all people can live in peace
Without the fear of war
Where all children can play in clean fresh air
Without the threat of pollution
Where all people are treated equally
And can worship together.
Because we believe that
God is peace
God is holiness
God is love.**

†Closing Hymn #438

Dennis

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Unison Benediction

We come here to be with each other and with God
We are glad to see our friends and to make new friends
We feel thankful for love, trees, birds, organisms

At church we sing and learn about God
We think God is love
We want to love everyone and everything

Postlude

J.S. Bach
(1686-1750)

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Worship Notes

The worship leaders are **Grayson S., Gus (August) L, Lucas C., Nora B., Owen S., Rosie (Rosalie) L., Sebastian A., Sebastian C., and Sterling A.**

The Call to Worship was created by the children of Covenant in 2009.

The Opening Prayer was written by the Children’s Church class in October 2012.

The Unison Confession was written by the 2012 elementary Sunday school class: **Anne G., Ryan T., Alex M., and Elliot M.**

Sterling Alexander is the clarinetist on “Gypsy Moods.”

The Prayer of Dedication is compiled by Sarah Jane Cravens for Youth Sunday School class 2012.

The Affirmation of Faith was written by the third, fourth and fifth Grader Class of 2007.

The Unison Benediction was created by the students in Children’s Church, 2009.

Education 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Adult Education

Help shape Covenant's Adult Education program. This week we will devote our Adult Education time to an open discussion about the spiritual questions you would like to explore in company with others, potential speakers for Adult Education, the best formats for our classes, and more. We look forward to hearing your ideas!

- Lisa Spiro

Children & Youth Sunday School

We will have two options for Sunday School: virtual from 10-10:30, and in-person in the Huff Fellowship Hall from 10:30-11 (masks required). This way, everyone can take part in the fun.

- Trena Jamison

Zoom links and materials are available on the Online Gatherings page on our website:

<https://www.covenanthouston.org/covenant-gatherings.html>

Calendar

Sun, Jan 23	9:00 am	Adult Education, Zoom Meeting
	10:00 am	Children & Youth Sunday School, Zoom
	10:30 am	Children & Youth Sunday School, Covenant
	11:00 am	Worship in-person, Covenant
	11:00 am	Worship live-stream
Tue. Jan 25	1:00 pm	Lunchtime Lectionary Lab, Zoom Meeting
Thur. Jan 27	10:00 am	Community Group, Zoom Meeting
Thur. Jan 27	7:15 pm	Covenant Singers Rehearsal, Covenant
Fri. Jan 28	1:00 pm	Book Club, Zoom Meeting

Helpful Information

Visitor Cards: If you're a visitor with us, please submit a [Visitors Card](#).

Celebrations and Concerns: If you would like to share a celebration or concern with the Covenant community, please submit a [Celebrations and Concerns Form](#).

Membership: If you are interested in learning more about Covenant, we encourage you to talk with one of the ministers or the worship leader. Email Office@covenanthouston.org.

Newsletter: To subscribe to the newsletter, send a request to office@covenanthouston.org.

Office Hours: The church office is currently not open, but we are responding to emails and phone calls.

*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,
all gender identities, 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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