



*A Service of Worship for
Trinity Sunday
12 June 2022*

When faith is completely replaced by creed,
worship by discipline,
love by habit;
when the crisis of today is ignored
because of the splendor of the past;
when faith becomes an heirloom
rather than a living fountain;
when religion speaks only in the name of authority
rather than with the voice of compassion,
its message becomes meaningless.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

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 Matthias
(1934-1992)

“Fanfare”

Call to Worship

*+Opening Hymn #324

Open My Eyes

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

+Opening Prayer

**Source of all being,
we turn to You as did our people in ancient days.
They beheld You in the stars,
they felt You in their hearts,
they sought You in their lives.**

**Now their quest is ours.
Help us, O God, to see the wonder of being.
Give us courage to search for truth.
Teach us the path to a better life.
So shall we, by our lives and labors,
bring nearer to realization the great hope inherited from ages past,
for a world transformed by liberty, justice, and peace.**

Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

These are our sacred stories.

Thanks be to God.

*Ushers will seat latecomers

+Please stand in body or spirit

Time for Children

†Response:

Don Schlosser

“One Spirit Sends Us Onward”

MERLE'S TUNE

One Spir - it sends us on - ward in wit-ness to the earth,
as min - is - ters of jus - tice and mid-wives for re - birth:
to lead the church with cour - age on ven-tures new - be - gun,
re - formed yet still re - form - ing, 'til God's whole will is done.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Unison Confession

**Creator, open our hearts
to peace and healing between all people**

**Creator, open our hearts
to provide and protect for all children of the earth.**

**Creator, open our hearts
to respect for the earth, and all the gifts of the earth.**

**Creator, open our hearts
to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all.**

Thank you for the gifts of this day and every day.

Words of Assurance

Music

J. H. Maunder

“O How Amiable are Thy Dwellings”

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts.
My soul had a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord:
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house,
they will be always praising thee.
Blessed is the one whose strength is in thee,
in whose heart are thy ways.
O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the one
that putteth trust in thee.

Silent Reflection

Proclamation

+Hymn #339

Slane

“Be Thou My Vision”

Prayer

Invitation

Offering

Offertory

Jehan Alain
(1911-1940)

“Choral Cistercian pour une élévation”

+Prayer of Dedication

**We pray together for sisters and brothers and siblings
who live in lands where war prevails
as a sign that we all share
both in the pain of war and the longing
and fight for peace and justice.**

**We pray together for brothers and sisters and siblings
of differing beliefs and religious affiliation
as an expression of the fact that we are all part of
the same humanity
and share this life on earth with one another.**

**We pray together for our wounded earth,
for fields, forests, and seas,
as a sign that we belong together
with the whole of God's creation
and want to take responsibility for the healing of the earth's
wounds.**

**We pray together for the division
and brokenness we experience within ourselves
and in relationships between people
as an expression that we want to open ourselves
to wholeness and life.**

+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

**Mindfulness is very much like the Holy Spirit.
Both are agents of healing.**

**When you have mindfulness,
you have love and understanding,
you see more deeply,
and you can heal the wounds in your own mind.**

**The Buddha was called the King of Healers.
In the Bible, when someone touches Christ,
he or she is healed.**

**It is not just touching a cloth
that brings about a miracle.**

**When you touch deep understanding and love,
you are healed.**

†Closing Hymn

O Waly Waly

“Go Walk with God”

**Go walk with God in all you do,
And may God's love bring joy to you.
May gifts of peace fill all your days,
And may God's truth guide you always.**

**O may the grace of Christ our Lord,
The wondrous love that comes from God,
The Spirit's fellowship now be
God's gifts to you eternally.**

**We thank you, Lord, for life to share
Through learning, serving, praise and prayer.
And when we say good-bye to friends,
We thank you, Lord: Love never ends.**

Benediction

Postlude

Harald Rohlig
(1926-2014)

“Toccata”

Worship Notes

The worship leader is **Jim Avera**.

The Call to Worship is by John Shelby Spong.

The Opening Prayer is from *Gates of Prayer: The New Union Prayer Book*.

The Unison Confession is by Alycia Longriver, member of the Mi'kmaq Tribe.

“O How Amiable are Thy Dwellings” is sung by **Jay Hooker** and **K.T. Tilford**.

The Prayer of Dedication is from Christina Lövestam, used in the Swedish mass for wisdom, the Sofia-mässa.

The Affirmation of Faith is from *Living Buddha, Living Christ* by Thich Nhat Hanh.

The text of "Go Walk with God" is by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette.

Education 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.

Recognizing that the US Supreme Court will soon announce a decision that will likely overturn Roe v. Wade, this week we will consider “Religious Thought on Abortion”. Bill Kline will present information he has compiled on biblical references to abortion, ancient history attitudes, religious law and doctrine, and the politicization of religious thought in the US.

- *Bill Kline*

Children & Youth Education - Room B, 2nd floor of the Fellowship Hall Building

Children and Youth Announcements

- **TBA:** Since we will not be attending Youth camp this year, we have planned a youth lock-in at the church.
 - We are planning a pool party for the Youth this summer as well. So please be on the lookout for some of that information.
- July 18-22: Children Camp will take place. The cost for Camp this year is \$300. Children's Camp will occur at Disciple's Crossing in Athens, TX.

- *Trena' Jamison, Director of Children & Youth*

Announcements

Covenant Birthday Party Today!

Everyone is invited to gather in the Huff Fellowship Hall immediately after worship to celebrate Covenant's 57th birthday. We will enjoy home-made cupcakes (**David Lee**) and ice cream (**Milano family**), hear some brief remarks, and sing Happy Birthday to Covenant!

All Church Mission/Vision Workshop - June 18

Dear Covenant family,

We have rescheduled this important time together for Saturday, June 18 from 9am to 11am.

Please mark your calendars for that date and time and continue to think about your hopes and dreams for our wonderful congregation. You can sign up through the link in the newsletter or you can email the office (office@covenanthouston.org).

PLEASE let Laura Mayo (laura@covenanthouston.org) know if you would like to join via Zoom.

With anticipation,

- *Laura Mayo and the Church Council*

Houston PRIDE Celebration

Covenant's PRIDE Committee is excited to promote the return of the annual **Houston PRIDE Celebration on Saturday, June 25, 2022**. Although Covenant will not have an official float or parade entry this year, we do want to attend as a group to show our enthusiastic support. Details will follow, but we will likely gather at a member's nearby apartment and walk over together--ideally wearing Covenant t-shirts so that we can be a visible presence. Mark your calendars now to join the celebration!

Calendar

Sun, June 5	9:30 am	Adult Education, Adult Education classroom on the 2nd floor of the Fellowship Hall Building
	9:30 am	Children & Youth Sunday School, Room B, 2nd floor of the Fellowship Hall Building
	9:30 am	Inquirer's Class, Sanctuary
	10:20 am	Hospitality, Huff Fellowship Hall
	11:00 am	Worship in-person and via live-stream
	12:30 pm	Covenant Birthday Party, Huff Fellowship Hall
Tue, June 7	1:00 pm	Lunchtime Lectionary Lab, Zoom
Thur, June 9	10:00 am	Community Group, Zoom

Helpful Information

Visitor's Card: If you're a visitor with us, please submit a [Visitor's 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 open Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm.

*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

Members of Covenant, Ministers
Fran Avera, Minister of Music, Emerita
Brian Buck, Facilities Coordinator
Monique Cruz, Office and Financial Administrator
Trena' Jamison, Director of Children and Youth
David Lee, Director of Music
Laura Mayo, Senior Minister
Christopher Teel, Organist

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