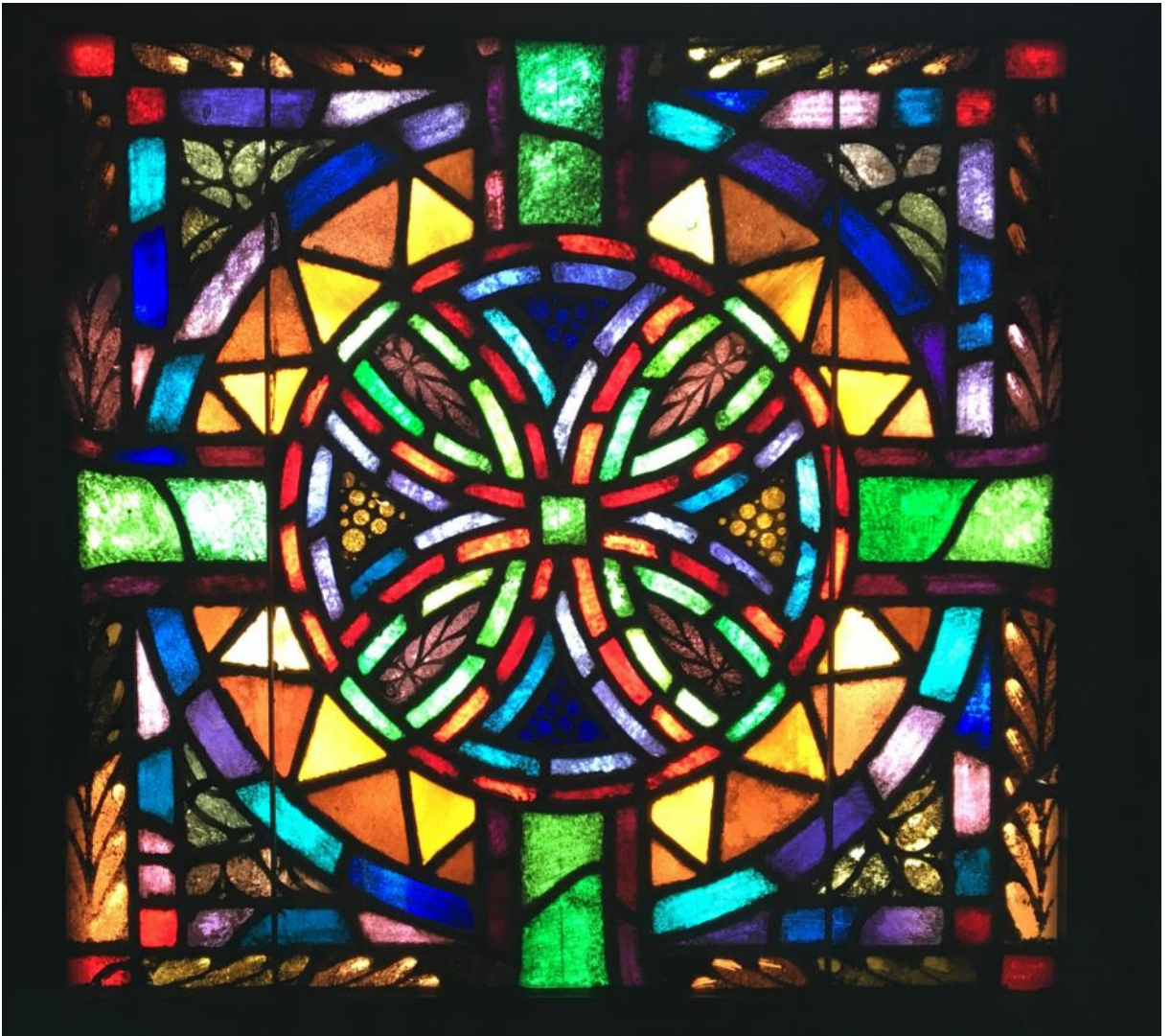


Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 28, 2024 • 10:30 AM



Covenant-First's mission is to praise the Father, proclaim the Son and submit to the perfecting power of the Holy Spirit.

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Welcome to Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Whether you attend Covenant-First Presbyterian Church on a regular basis or are here for the first time, we are glad you are here. Covenant-First Presbyterian Church was founded in 1790, and has been a part of downtown Cincinnati ever since. Our almost 2,000 pound tower bell is from the Paul Revere Foundry in Boston, and first rang from the steeple of one of our earliest buildings. This building was completed in 1875, and the Austin Pipe Organ dates to 1915, with its approximately 3,500 pipes. We have traditional worship with Bible-based preaching each week. Our music program is enhanced by our Music Scholar program and we are excited to have them lead in worship most Sundays.

If you need help with directions to restrooms, the fellowship hall, or to the lower level nursery, the person who greeted you this morning will be glad to help you.

Children and worship

We delight in children, and your children are always welcome to stay with you in worship. However, if you would prefer nursery care for your infants and toddlers, we do have a professionally staffed nursery in the lower level. We invite children ages 2 years to 5 years to participate in Junior Church. If your child wants to participate in Junior Church, you may escort them to the lower level during the singing of the Doxology. You may then pick your child up following the service from the downstairs classrooms.

Parking

Validated parking is available in the adjacent garage for all worship services. Please pick up a validation sticker and apply the sticker to your parking ticket to use for validation. Then simply scan your ticket with the sticker at the parking gate on your way out of the garage. If you are unsure how to obtain your parking sticker, any greeter or our security personnel will be happy to assist you.

Fellowship Time

After worship, we invite you to gather with us in Metzger Hall for a reception featuring coffee, treats, and encouraging conversation. Many of us travel from a distance to join together in worship on Sunday mornings, and we find this weekly fellowship time to be a valuable and enriching time for us to catch up and meet new people. Please join us!

About us

If you are interested in learning more about Covenant-First Presbyterian Church, please pick up any of the literature located on the back tables, see your morning greeter, contact the church office at 513-621-4144, or visit our website at www.covfirstchurch.org.

Service for the Lord's Day

Pre-Service

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Elegy and Apotheosis

Andrew Hackett

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Hugh Ralston

One: As we gather embattled by the week, let us recall the disciples, surrounded by uncertainty yet visited by Jesus.

All: We seek Christ's presence, bringing our own uncertainties.

One: "Peace be with you," Jesus spoke, dispelling fear and empowering with peace.

All: His peace transforms us, preparing us to share it.

One: As Jesus was sent, so are we. Let us worship and embrace our mission.

All: Together, let us worship the risen Christ.

Prelude

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Improvisation on *St. Magnus*

Ringling of the Revere Tower Bell

Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Hymn #176

The Head That Once Was Crowned

*Invocation

Hugh Ralston

All: Lord, as you entered locked rooms and offered peace, enter our hearts, enter this church, enter this worship space. Empower us as your disciples to spread your peace and love in a world that needs and longs for you. Amen.

***Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Dan Turis

All: Lord Jesus, at times we have shut you out of our rooms. We are grateful that you enter locked doors. Within those doors, you find liars, gossips, and gluttons. You find all manner of sins. We have sinned against you, Lord, and we have done so with intent. Lord, please forgive us, for we are sinners. Please help us with the lack of belief and trust that we convey.

***Moments of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Dan Turis

One: The good news is this: Jesus did not run from that room full of sinners hiding in the upper room. He came through the locked door. He didn't leave us huddled and afraid. He extends peace to us amidst our enemies. He makes us whole and shows us how he accomplished it. He loves us and tells us to go and speak of this love—the love that makes people whole and forgives their sins.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri #575**

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***Anthem**

The Gift of Love

Arr. By Hal Hopson

Covenant Choir

Text based on 1 Corinthians 13

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift of all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

Here I am Lord

Arr. Craig Courtney

Covenant Choir

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry, all who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright, who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied, I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?

Refrain

***Doxology #572** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

At this time all children are invited to go to Children's Church

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication**Hymn #15** Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme**Scripture Lesson**

John 20:19-23

Rev. Dan Turis

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

One: This is God's Word for God's people.

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Resurrection and Discipleship

Rev. Dan Turis

***Hymn #16**

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

***Benediction**

Postlude

Grand Choeur

Theodore Dubois

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

*Those who are able, please stand.



The flowers on the communion table are given to the
glory of God by Don and Kathleen Plake in memory
of Adele Lanier, Kathleen's grandmother.

As we near the end of the school year, here's an update on our Choral Scholars' plans. Emilio Vasquez, Josh Klein and Ashlyn Rock are all finishing at UC/CCM. Emilio will be continuing his training at Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, beginning this fall. Josh will begin training at the Academy of Vocal Arts, also in Philadelphia. And Ashlyn will be moving back home to Virginia and will make that her base location as she continues to pursue singing and vocal training opportunities. Emilio's last day with us is today. Josh and Ashlyn will continue through most of May. Lucy Evans will continue her studies at CCM for one more year, but her last Sunday before she leaves for the summer is also today. Lucy and Emilio will spend most of the summer with the St. Louis Opera. Zach Burnham, Jarrett Hazleton, Natalie Sheppard and Madeline Jentsch will all return this fall, along with Lucy. We will be hiring another soprano and two basses to fill the spots left. Thank you for your support of the Choir Scholar program. The choir will be taking a break after Memorial Day and we will look forward to special music, by some of these scholars or other musicians in the area. The full choir season will resume on September 1.

— Yolanda, Choir Director

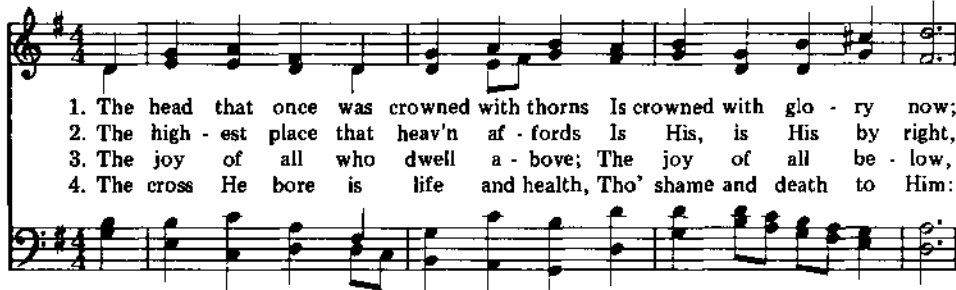
176 The Head That Once Was Crowned

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him . . . Phil. 2:9

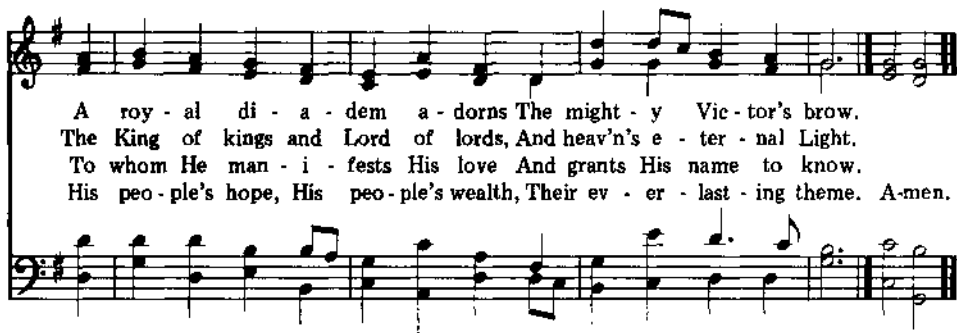
Thomas Kelly, 1820

ST. MAGNUS C.M.

Jeremiah Clark, 1707



1. The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glo - ry now;
2. The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is His, is His by right,
3. The joy of all who dwell a - bove; The joy of all be - low,
4. The cross He bore is life and health, Tho' shame and death to Him:



A roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light,
To whom He man - i - fests His love And grants His name to know,
His peo - ple's hope, His peo - ple's wealth, Their ev - er - last - ing theme. A-men.

15 Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme

My tongue shall speak of Thy righteousness . . . Psa. 35:28

Isaac Watts. 1707

LAND OF REST C.M.
Traditional American melody
Arr. by Annabel M. Buchanan. 1936

1. Be - gin, my tongue, some heav'n-ly theme, And speak some bound-less thing,
2. Tell of His won-drous faith - ful - ness, And sound His pow'r a - broad;
3. His ver - y word of grace is strong As that which built the skies;
4. O might I hear Thy heav'n - ly tongue But whis - per, "Thou art Mine,"

The might - y works or might-ier name Of our e - ter - nal King.
Sing the sweet prom - ise of His grace, The love and truth of God.
The voice that rolls the stars a - long Speaks all the prom - is - es.
Those gen - tle words should raise my song To notes al - most di - vine. A-men.

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright 16

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man . . . John 1:9

WINCHESTER NEW L.M.

Georg Rebenlein's *Musicalisch*

Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690

Attr. by William H. Havergal, 1847

St. Ambrose of Milan, c. 340-397
Trans. composite

1. O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, From light e -
2. Come, ver - y Sun of heav - en's love, In last - ing
3. Con - firm our will to do the right, And keep our
4. All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e -

ter - nal bring - ing light, Thou Light of light, light's
ra - diance from a - bove, And pour the Ho - ly
hearts from en - vy's blight; Let faith her ea - ger
ter - nal Son, to Thee, Whom with the Spir - it

liv - ing Spring, True Day, all days il - lu - min - ing;
Spir - it's ray On all we think or do to - day.
fires re - new, And hate the false, and love the true.
we a - dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

HIS PRAISE