



Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Our mission is to praise the Father, proclaim the Son,
and submit to the perfecting power of the Holy Spirit



He declared to you his covenant,
the Ten Commandments, which
he commanded you to follow
and then wrote them on two
stone tablets.

Deuteronomy 4:13

June 28, 2026 · 10:30 AM Worship

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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.

Validated Parking

Validated parking is available in the 222 W. 7th St. Garage. Validation is done using your car's license plate number. Please locate a greeter to complete the validation process which requires your license plate number.

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, see your morning greeter, help yourself to any of the literature located on the back tables, contact the church office at 513-621-4144, or visit our website at covfirstchurch.org.

Service for the Lord's Day

** indicates please stand if you are able*

Pre-Service Music

Vater Unser im Himmelreich, IGB 24

Georg Böhm

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

Concerns of the Congregation

Randy Page

Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 4:10b

Robert Sullivan

One: Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children.

Prelude

Organ Sonata No.4, Op.65, II.

Felix Mendelssohn

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

II. Andante religioso

Ringing 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 #58

This Is My Father's World

*Invocation

Psalm 25:1-5

Robert Sullivan

One: To you, O God, we lift up our souls. To you we offer our praise and prayers, our worship and thanksgiving, even our very lives. Make your ways known to us. Show us the path on which we should walk. Lead us in your truth and teach us your ways.

All: For you alone are the God who saves, the God in whom we trust; and the one on whom we wait. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession

Psalm 25:6-10

Randy Page

All: Lord, do not remember the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways; according to your love remember us. Instruct us in your ways. For the sake of your name Lord, forgive our sins.

*Moments of Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

Psalm 25:11-14

Randy Page

One: The Lord is great in mercy and love. Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, he guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful. He will instruct you in the ways you should choose and your transgressions will be forgiven!

***Gloria Patri**

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.

Anthem

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm

Madeline Jentsch, Soprano; Philip Goist, Cello; Sam Martin, Piano

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hast provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine and ten thousand beside. [Refrain]

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.

Call for the Offering

(If you would like to give online see the back of the bulletin.)

Offertory

Ave Maria

J. S. Bach/Charles Gounod

Philip Goist, Cello; Sam Martin, Piano

***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 blessing 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 #220**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 4:10-13

Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when he said to me, “Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children.” ¹¹ You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain while it blazed with fire to the very heavens, with black clouds and deep darkness. ¹² Then the LORD spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice. ¹³ He declared to you his covenant, the Ten Commandments, which he commanded you to follow and then wrote them on two stone tablets.

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hear My Words

Randy Page

Scripture references used in today's sermon:

Deuteronomy 4:9-13

Genesis 15:4-13

Exodus 3, 19 and 20

1 Kings 18-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

Hebrews 12:18-29

***Hymn #224**

How Firm A Foundation

***Benediction**

Postlude

Christie Lee, Organist

Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures
de la Cathédrale de Soissons, Op.12

Maurice Duruflé

The flowers are given by Jamie Jewell in appreciation for
God’s amazing grace and to his glory.

This Is My Father's World 58

The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy. Job 38:7

TERRA BEATA S.M.D.

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-tening ears All
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, The birds their car - ols raise, The
3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought Of
This is my Fa-ther's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the
This is my Fa-ther's world: Why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev - ery - where.
Lord is King: let the heav - ens ring! God reigns: let earth be glad! A - men.

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He looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves . . . Mark 6:41

BREAD OF LIFE 6 4 6 4 D.

William F. Sherwin, 1877

Mary A. Lathbury, 1877

1. Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As Thou didst
2. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me, As Thou didst
3. Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me, Thy ho - ly
4. O send Thy Spir - it, Lord, Now un - to me, That He may

break the loaves Be - side the sea; Be - yond the sa - cred page
bless the bread By Gal - i - lee; Then shall all bond - age cease,
Word the truth That sav - eth me; Give me to eat and live
touch my eyes And make me see: Show me the truth con - cealed

I seek Thee, Lord, My spir - it pants for Thee, O liv - ing Word.
All fet - ters fall; And I shall find my peace, My All in all.
With Thee a - bove; Teach me to love Thy truth, For Thou art love.
With - in Thy Word, And in Thy Book re - vealed I see the Lord. A - men.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

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Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not . . . Luke 21:33

FOUNDATION 11 11 11 11

Traditional American melody
Caldwell's *Union Harmony*. 1837

Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*. 1787

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply:
I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
For I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!" A - men.

Alternate tune. ADESTE FIDELES, No. 103

THE SCRIPTURES