

**CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2009 – 11:00 AM**

Welcome Pastor John Benson

Families with children are welcome in worship.  
Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers  
Downstairs throughout the service

Prelude Sandra Benson, Organist  
Becky Ericson, Pianist

*Near to the Heart of God* – arr. L. Smith

Call to Worship Romans 15:13

\*Hymn 56

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

\*Prayer of Invocation

Second lesson 1 John 4:7-21 Carl Rodgers, Reader

Gospel John 15:1-8

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

A Report from the ECC Annual Meeting Betty Sloat

Offertory

Hymn 48

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 435

*Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment*

Sermon Acts 8:26-40

***DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE READING?***

\*Hymn 260

*The Day of Resurrection*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able please stand.

**Welcome!** Whether this is your first time with us, a return visit, or something that you do every Sunday, we're happy that you're here! Please fill out the Home Page insert in this bulletin, including your address and prayer requests, and make it part of your offering this morning. The offering is an opportunity to share financially in the ministries and mission of this congregation – if you're a visitor or a newcomer, as our guest you are under no obligation to participate. We hope to see you again soon!

## COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

Celebrating our 37<sup>th</sup> year of Ministry

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### SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Erik & Anna Karlson  
Ushers: Liz Reitman & Beth Badassa  
Reader: Carl Rodgers  
Nursery/Assistant: Claire Bentley & Jared Connelie  
Snack: The Ericsons  
Sound Technician: David Reitman  
Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

*Our mission as a congregation is calling people from this community and around the world into communion with Christ. Our communion with him and with each other grows as we enter into the promises and challenges that a covenant with Christ includes.*

### SERVING NEXT WEEK: May 17

Greeters: Youth Group  
Ushers: Tom Connelie & Carl Rodgers  
Reader: Bud Clark  
Nursery/Assistant: Shelley Connelie  
Snack: The Roberts  
Sound Technician: Jim Hamilton  
Candle Lighter: Andrea Hamilton

### THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10:00 AM Women's Bible study  
Wednesday 7:30 PM Church Council Meeting  
Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School  
Adults meet with Randy Swenson  
Covenant Estate Planning Officer  
11:00AM Worship Service

### Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

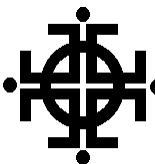
Monday Mike Perez  
Wednesday Badassa Tobo  
Thursday Stella Kullstam

### When you come to church on Sunday, remember to . . .

*Bring canned goods* for outreach to those in need through the food pantries at ECHO and Rising Hope

*Bring change* for the change box to fund capital improvements

*Bring a dollar or two* to help our Youth Group support Yohannes Makalew, our Compassion International sponsored child in Indonesia



*The character of the Evangelical Covenant Church is expressed by our logo: at the center is the cross. Next is a circle – the symbol of our unity in Christ. Then four different people, joined together, reach out to the world in love. Find out more about the Covenant at [www.covchurch.org](http://www.covchurch.org)*

**An Estate Planning Workshop** will be held next Sunday, May 17, at 9:30 AM during the Adult Sunday School Hour. Randall S. Swenson, the Covenant Estate Planning Officer for the East Coast will be with us to address questions such as “What Is My Legacy?” (protecting your future); “Where Are We Headed in this Life-long Journey? (faith and financial planning for families); “Are You Ready?” (the importance of financial planning for women.) Randy will also make a brief presentation in our worship service and will be available to setup personal appointments for wills, trusts, and estate planning.

### **Scripture Lessons to read for Sunday, May 10:**

Acts 10:44-48	Even on the Gentiles!
1 John 5:1-6	Who conquers the world
John 15:9-17	That your joy may be complete

**Join the Books and Culture Group** in reading Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson. The astonishing, uplifting story of a real-life Indiana Jones and his remarkable humanitarian campaign of building schools in the Taliban’s backyard. The group meets on Saturday, May 23 around 7 pm. Come and join the Covenant Crafters meal at 6.

**Covenant Crafters** meets on Saturday, May 23 at 3:00. Bring your unfinished crafts, musical instruments, games, puzzles.... The meal will be a Hobo Salad. Please bring your favorite salad topping or dressing. The base salad will be provided. Sign up outside the sanctuary for extras. For those who don’t craft but would like to join in the meal – dinner is at 6. Books and Culture will meet immediately following dinner.

**It is time to make casseroles for Rising Hope.** If you would like to bring in a casserole to be served to the homeless living on Route 1, sign up on the sign-up sheet on the table outside the sanctuary. Please bring your casserole in by Sunday, May 29. Contact Mary Hamilton if you have a question.

**Who Wants Snack?** At the conclusion of Sunday School in the summer, we normally conclude the brining of snack. However, it seems that the snack time after service is a wonderful time for the congregation to visit with one another. Please make a note in your homepage if you would like snack to continue through the summer.

**In the Covenant Companion:** “Invited to the Party” – Jesus fed a crowd of 5,000 and a crowd of 4,000. John E. Phelan, dean of North Park Seminary, asks, “Why did Mark include two similar miracles in his Gospel narrative? Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

**How to contact Pastor Benson:** By phone (703-451-6624; 703-455-4150; 703-505-0626) by mail (6624 Reynard Drive, Springfield, VA 22152) or by email (johnsbenson@hotmail.com). Please get in touch immediately when you or someone in your family is in the hospital, facing surgery or in need of pastoral care.

**Special Easter Offering:** It’s not too late to participate in our over and above Easter Offering for Parkside Covenant Church in Clifton, Park N – a new congregation struggling to pay their first year mortgage in a new building in this economy. Use the special envelope on the credenza and put it in the offering today or next Sunday. Make checks payable to Community Covenant Church and designate as “Easter Offering”.

**Get Connected with Covenant Newswire** – this free service delivers the latest news from Covenant Churches around the world to your home or office in a single daily email. It’s a great way to keep informed about what’s happening among the mission friends. To sign up, visit the Covenant Web Page ([www.covchurch.org](http://www.covchurch.org)) and click on the Newswire button.

***Covenant World Mission Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY***

**Did you miss last week’s sermon?** Hear it and read the bulletin each week on the church website. It is updated weekly. Please visit us at [www.covenantchurchva.org](http://www.covenantchurchva.org).