

WORSHIP IN THE GROWING SEASON
Sunday, May 31, 2009 – 11:00 AM

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Collect for the Day of Pentecost, BCP

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – arr. Whitworth
+ Hymn 69 is our prelude and our prayer today +

Call to Worship Acts 2:1-21

*Hymn 23 (with stanza 5)

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

*Opening Prayer

Reading from Psalm 104 with Sung Response Hymnal No. 832

The Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Rob Ericson, Reader

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

Hymn 48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 276

Spirit of the Living God

Sermon

Ezekiel 37:1-14

CAN THESE BONES LIVE?

*Hymn 599

O Breath of Life.

*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!

SERVING TODAY

Greeters:	Volunteers Needed
Ushers:	Volunteers Needed
Reader:	Rob Ericson
Nursery/Assistant:	Kathy Knowles
Snack:	None Scheduled
Sound Technician:	Tom Connelie.
Candle Lighter:	None Scheduled

SERVING NEXT WEEK: June 7

Greeters:	Ruth Kendrick
Ushers:	Nelson Hastings & Jared Connelie
Reader:	Gordon Sloat
Nursery/Assistant:	Betty Sloat
Snack:	Julie Fann
Sound Technician:	David Reitman
Candle Lighter:	Lidiya Badassa
Communion:	Ericson Family

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Monday	Nelson & Amy Hastings
Wednesday	Kerstin Shimkin
Thursday	Catherine Seguin, Jim Hamilton
Friday	Janet Coussa, John & Sandy Benson, Lynda & Paul Seguin
Saturday	Ginny Newberg, Dave Grimord

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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.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible study
Sunday	10:00 AM	Trinity Sunday Celebration of Holy Communion

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

Bring your Bibles – It's not all in the bulletin

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

Remember that this building is regularly used by many other groups. If you are planning an activity, please check the complete calendar in the church office and contact Aaron Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling an event. Aaron can be reached by calling the church office or 703-425-5633. The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.

Scripture Lessons to read for Sunday, June 7:

Isaiah 6:1-8	Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts
Psalms 29	In his temple all cry, "Glory!"
Romans: 8:12-17	We cry, "Abba! Father!"
John 3:1-17	A Pharisee named Nicodemus

In the Covenant Companion: "Criminal Justice – A Call to Bring Redemption and Hope to a System in Crisis." Read the resolution on Criminal Justice that will be presented to the delegates at the Covenant Annual Meeting in June. 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.

SUPPORT CHIC! The Youth Group will have a yard sale to support Chic. Please consider what you may want to donate. The yard sale will be held some time during June.

The flowers on the altar today are given by Rob and Becky Ericson in memory of Byron Cochrane and Irma & Norman Ericson.

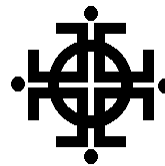
We're looking for new Church Council members – 3 chairs will be vacant in June: Worship and Music, Christian Education, and Fellowship. If you are a church member and are thinking of serving as part of our congregation's leadership team, please speak to Rob Ericson or Pastor Benson. We are also open to suggestions about whom to consider for these positions. Please remember this need in prayer.

We plan to honor all our graduates on Sunday, June 21. If you know someone in the church family who is graduating from High School, College, or has received an advanced degree in the past year, please make a note of it on your Homepage.

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) 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.



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

Prayer Corner

*Before they call, I will answer,
And while they are speaking, I will hear.*

Isaiah 65:24

Praises and Prayers raised on behalf of the congregation:

Please pray for Vi Henrikson, a mother to many in this congregation, who is suffering from cancer in Massachusetts and not doing well. Please pray for Steve as he seeks a new job. Pray for Martha's extended family finances and David's mother's health.

Please continue to pray for the following: Newberg family (comfort) Rich (surgery recovery); John Kastanowski (recovery) Cora (Future living) Family of Beth Bryan (comfort)

Praises and Prayers raised on behalf of relatives and friends:

Please pray for Vicky's friend's mother, who just had a serious surgery, pray for her recovery. Please pray for Lisa Ann's friend's son who has been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor on his brain stem at twenty months old. Please pray for Shaun's husband Park, who has been deployed to Afghanistan, and also pray for the family during his absence. Please pray for Erin as she copes with her mother's deterioration from ALS.

Please continue to pray for the following: Lutz family (comfort); Melody's husband (cancer); Sue Berkley (Lymphoma)

Prayer Requests will be placed on the list for one month and removed, unless they are updated or we are asked to keep them on the list longer. Please check the prayer corner regularly, and give us updates on your Home Page.