

The Service of Worship and Holy Communion
Celebrating Our Nation's Independence
Sunday, July 5, 2009 – 10 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

America! America! arr. R.J. Hughes

*Call to Worship From Psalm 48

Leader: Great is the Lord
and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God.

*People: within its citadels,
God has shown himself a sure defense.*

Leader: We ponder your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

*People: Your name, O God, like your praise,
reaches to the ends of the earth.*

Leader: Tell the next generation
that this is our God forever

People: He will be our guide forever.

*Hymn 734 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

*Opening Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession Hymnal No. 908

Gospel Mark 6:1-13 Julie Fann, Reader

+ The children's bulletins are based on this passage +

Our Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offering

*The Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication Hymn 48

Hymn 736 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

The Message Joel 2:1-2a, 12-17

BOOKS I HAVE NOT PREACHED FROM YET

Joel 2:13 – Return to the Lord God

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Hymn 358, Stanzas 1-3 *Kind and Merciful God*

*Barmen Declaration, Section II Hymnal #885

*The Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Hymn 358, Stanzas 4,5 *Kind and Merciful God*

*Benediction Jude 24, 25

*Postlude

*Those who are able please stand.

We're celebrating the Lord's Supper today. *If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your hearts that God raised him from the dead, you are welcome to join us – even if you're not a member of this congregation. Everyone will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. If for any reason you do not wish to participate, please feel free to remain in your seat. Children are welcomed at the Lord's Table – the youngest are given grapes. Older children may receive the bread and the cup if, in the opinion of their parents, they understand the significance of the celebration and have put faith in Christ.*

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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

Today	11:00 AM	Fellowship and snack time Enjoy our benches outside Sign up to bring snack in the hallway The picnic area is also available
Wednesday	7:30-9 PM	Summer Bible study and prayer meeting in the church kitchen This week – Daniel, chapter 2
Sunday July 12	10:00 AM	Family Worship Service Message from the Book of Obadiah

CHIC 2009 begins at the University of Tennessee

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

Scripture Lessons to read for Sunday, July 12:

2 Samuel 6:1-5	David the Ark to Jerusalem
Psalms 24	Entrance into the temple
Ephesians:1:3-14	Every spiritual blessing
Mark 6:14-29	John the Baptist's death

Thanks to your generosity, we are up to date in our support for Yohanes Makelew, our Compassion International sponsored child in Indonesia. So far this year \$240 has been sent to help provide Yohanes with an education, meals, health care and Christian nurture. (A new letter from him is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.) This money was contributed by the youth group and the congregation through the collection box on the table by the sanctuary door. Because of world economic conditions, Compassion is asking us to raise the level of our monthly support by \$8. Will you help us do that?

HELP KEEP CHURCH PROPERTY BEAUTIFUL this summer by signing up at the table in the hallway to help with weeding, watering, mowing and sweeping. Makes a great service project for individuals or families to undertake.

Time to Look Ahead to the Women's Retreat at Black Rock! Our speaker this year is ordained Covenant Pastor Judy Swanberg. Reserve your place for this pleasant weekend as soon as possible. Brochures are on the table near the door of the sanctuary.

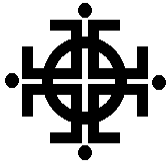
In the Covenant Companion: "When the Democrats Came to Campus" – Pastor Tim Heintzelman remembers the mix of politics, money and a college president's dilemma and what he learned at North Park in 1960. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

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.

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. The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.



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