

**THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
Sunday, July 29, 2007 – 10:00 AM

Welcome Gordon Sloat

Prelude Becky Ericson, Pianist

Call to Worship

Leader: Holy God – in this precious hour, we pause

*People: and gather to hear your word.*

Leader: To do so, we break from our work responsibilities  
and from our play fantasies.

*People: We move from our fears that overwhelm  
and from our ambitions that are too strong.*

Leader: Free us in these moments from every distraction,  
That we may focus to listen,

*People: That we may hear, that we may change.  
Amen.*

by Walter Brueggemann

\*Hymn #478

*O Seek the Lord in Prayer*

Opening Prayer

First Lesson: Hosea 1:2-10 Beth Badassa, Reader

Hymn #395

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Second Lesson Colossians 2:6-19

Prayer of Confession

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

+ Children ages 3 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade are dismissed for Summertime JAM +

Pastoral Prayer Sung Response: Hymn #394

Sermon Rev. Doug Thorpe

**TEACH US TO PRAY**

Offering

\*Hymn #108, Stanza 4

*Sing Praise to the Father*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #402

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**Welcome!** Whether this is your first time with us, a return visit, or something 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 the offering today. The offering is an opportunity to share financially in the ministries and mission of our congregation. If you're a visitor or a newcomer, please feel no obligation about this. Nursery care for children up to the age of 5 is available downstairs.

**COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH**

**Celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> Year of Ministry**

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**SERVING TODAY**

Greeters: Youth Group  
Ushers: Carl Rodgers & Aaron Knowles  
Nursery: Kathy Knowles  
Candle Lighter: Meron Berhe

*Our mission as a congregation is calling people from the 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:**

Greeter: Ruth Kendrick  
Ushers: Matt & Robert Hamilton  
Reader: Mary Hamilton  
Nursery: Martha Reitman  
Candle lighter: Andrea Hamilton

**This Week**

**Today** 10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday ***Happy Birthday to Olivia Mashiana!!!***

Thursday ***Happy Birthday to Sarah Sanders!!!***

**Sunday** 10:00 AM Worship Service  
**Aug. 5**

**Scripture Lessons to read as you prepare for next Sunday:**

Hosea 11:1-11 The parenting of Israel  
Psalm 85 Revive us again, O God  
Colossians 3:1-11 Clothe yourself with a new self  
Luke 12:13-21 Eat, drink and be wary

**Remember**, this building is regularly used by other groups. If you are planning an activity, remember to check the complete calendar in the church office. Please speak to Kathy Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling any event. (Call 703-455-4150 or 703-425-5633.) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.



**Pastor and Mrs. Benson** are away visiting with Sandy's family in New England. Please welcome a favorite guest, Rev. Doug Thorpe, who will be preaching this morning.



**Rising Hope Mission Church** is running short of certain types of food. There is a concern that these items will be unavailable for distribution by the end of the Summer. Should you wish to help, please bring in boxes of cereal and canned meats, and place them in the box under the table by the hymnal shelf in the sanctuary.

**Casseroles will be brought** to Rising Hope Mission Church this August. Instead of a sign up sheet, those who would like to provide a casserole should bring them in as soon as possible and place them in the freezer. If you have any questions, please let Kathy (703-425-5633) know.

**Join in our "Above and Beyond" stewardship campaign** for Covenant World Missions. Look over the bulletin boards in the back of the sanctuary, read the brochure "Strong and Crazy for Christ," and make a contribution or a pledge today, using the envelopes provided on the credenza. You may put the envelope in the basket or in the offering. Our goal is the raise \$6,000 beyond our budget for Covenant World Missions by the end of the year. So far \$2,300 has been raised.

**We now have three picnic** tables in the grove of trees south of the church – the product of Alex Kingley's Boy Scout Troop 1853 Eagle Project. Take advantage of this and our early services this summer. Bring a picnic lunch to church and invite someone to share it with you after the service!

**The Youth Group is now on Summer Hiatus.** Specially planned activities will be announced as they are scheduled. Youth Group will go to its regular meeting schedule in September.

**The Youth Group is sponsoring a Child** through Compassion International. His name is Yohanes, and he lives in Indonesia. \$40 per month has been pledged by the Youth to help support this five-year-old boy. The donations box has been placed on the credenza with information on Yohanes in the information holder. Members of the Youth Group should place their donations in the box as they have them. Donations received above the \$40 target will be kept in the account until Yohanes' birthday in October and for Christmas.



**Ladies! Our Retreat in Quarryville, PA** is coming up fast. The deadline for your registration deposit is July 20<sup>th</sup>. Please get your registration in to Claire as soon as possible. The balance of the fee is due by August 24<sup>th</sup>. Ruth Hill, the Executive Minister of Women Ministries will be the speaker. If you would like to help with the planning process, you are welcome to come to a planning meetings on July 17 & 24 at 10:00 in the church kitchen.



**In the Covenant Companion** – "Responding to the Cries" – Covenant Pastor Tim Heintzelman tells how he became an advocate for victims of domestic violence and abuse. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine by calling 773-907-3310, or you can subscribe online at [www.covchurch.org/communications](http://www.covchurch.org/communications). Subscriptions are \$19.95 a year.



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



**Covenant Village of Cromwell Benefit Event.** Set aside Sunday evening October 7<sup>th</sup>, for Covenant Village of Cromwell’s “Autumn Gala.” Silent and teacup auctions will offer the opportunity to take home a treasure during the fellowship hour. Rev. Craig Carlson will serve as master of ceremonies. Following dinner, Ken Medema will astonish us with his ability to compose impromptu songs. Ken is a consummate musician with an easy humor and will inspire, motivate and delight you. Proceeds will go toward benevolent care at Covenant Village of Cromwell. The evening starts at 5 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT. Tickets are \$55 each. For tickets or information, call Janet Carlson at Covenant Village (860) 635-2690.

**MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!** Springfield Women’s Connection Invites you to a luncheon at the Springfield Golf & Country Club on Thursday, August 9 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Professional actress and singer, Karen Knight, will sing a selection of songs from Broadway musicals and will also be the speaker. Karen played Noah’s wife at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theater in Lancaster, PA, and will tell of a time she faced her own floods of life and learned to sing in the rain. The cost is \$17 and includes the lunch and free child care. Please reserve your place by August 6<sup>th</sup> by calling Ginny (703-569-4670) or Liz (703-876-4780).

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**How to Contact Pastor Benson** – You can call him at home, where he maintains an office, at any time – 703-451-6624. His e-mail address is johnsbenson@hotmail.com. Or you may contact him in his office at church – 703-455-4150. The church’s e-mail address is communitycovenant@verizon.net. Prayer requests and other matters can also be brought to his attention by using the Home Page insert in the bulletin. Don’t hesitate to get in touch when you, or someone in your family, is hospitalized, facing surgery, or in need of pastoral care.

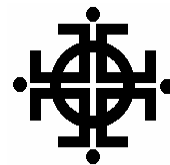


**New Guidelines for Labels** to save for the Education Program at the Covenant Home in Cromwell have been developed and are in the basket on the coffee table where labels are gathered. Take a copy home and post it on your refrigerator.

**Have You Forgotten the Buddy Board?** There are many people available and willing to do a variety of things for you. Please take a look at the bulletin board above the hymnal shelf to see who’s volunteering for what. If you would like to place your name on the board and volunteer, please do!

**Life is No Picnic for many**, even in a prosperous area like Northern Virginia. Remember what Jesus said about being hungry, and bring some canned goods for the food pantry at ECHO when you come to worship him on Sunday. Put them in the picnic basket by the hymnal rack.

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



*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 being united in Christ. Then four different people, joined to one another, reach out to the world in love.*

The Covenant Web Page: [www.covchurch.org](http://www.covchurch.org)

**A Covenant Affirmation** – We affirm the necessity of the new birth for entrance into God’s kingdom, and the importance of continuing growth in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ for sound spiritual health. Jesus said, “Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3).