

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, August 12, 2007 – 10:00 AM

*The life of faith is not a life of mounting up with wings,
but a life of walking and not fainting... Faith never knows
where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading.*
– Oswald Chambers

Welcome

Prelude Sandra Benson, Organ
Becky Ericson, Piano

And Can It Be – arr. Hamilton

Call to Worship From Psalm 50:1-5

Leader: The God of gods has spoken;
he has summoned all the earth.

People: *He shines forth in glorious radiance.*

Leader: Heaven and earth will be his witnesses
as he summons and judges his people:

People: *“Bring forth my faithful servants –
those with whom I have a covenant.”*

*Hymn #43

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord’s Prayer

First Lesson Isaiah 1:1,10-20 Paul Seguin, Reader

Gospel Luke 12:32-40

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*Hymn #108, Stanza 4

Sing Praise to the Father

Rev. *Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #117

Have No Fear, Little Flock

Sermon Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

ENTERING IN

*Our communion with him and with each other grows as we enter into
the promises and challenges that a covenant with Christ includes.*

*Hymn #376

When We Walk with the Lord

*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.

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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.

This Week

Today 10:00 AM Worship Service

Tuesday *Happy Anniversary to Stephen Tobin!!!
Happy Birthday to Bobby Jones!!!*

Thursday *Happy Birthday to Shira Enstrom!!!*

Saturday *Happy Birthday to Kris Mashiana!!!*

**Sunday
Aug. 19** 10:00 AM Worship Service
*David and Sarah Ericson present their son,
Andrew, to the Lord in the Ceremony of
Dedication and Blessing.*

Scripture Lessons to read as you prepare for next Sunday:

Isaiah 5:1-7	A love-song about God's vineyard
Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19	Another song about the vineyard
Hebrews 11:29-12:2	More examples of faith
Luke 12:49-56	Baptism by fire

Please Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, August 26 11:00 AM Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 2 10:00 AM Celebration of Communion
+Last Sunday of our Summer Schedule+

Sunday, September 9 9:30 AM Sunday School Rally Day
+Theme: Apple Harvest – Fun & Games for All Ages+
11:00 AM Worship Service

Sunday, September 16 9:30 AM Sunday School classes begin



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 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 \$3,200 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!

Covenant Village of Cromwell Benefit Event. Set aside Sunday evening October 7th, 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.

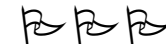
Ladies! Our Retreat in Quarryville, PA is coming up fast. The balance of the fee is due by August 24th. Ruth Hill, the Executive Minister of Women Ministries will be the speaker.



In the Covenant Companion – “The Ties that Bind: - a report from the 2007 Annual Meeting, held in Portland, Oregon, June 21 to 24, and the announcement of President Glenn Palmberg’s retirement next year. Also includes the World Mission Newsletter, which traces the history of Covenant involvement in Sudan.. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine by calling 773-907-3310, or you can subscribe online at 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.



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. Meeting days for the month of September will be the 16th and the 30th.

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.



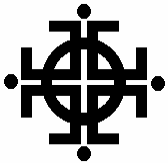
Heirloom Memories. The Springfield Alexandria Women’s Connection’s next luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, September 13th at the Springfield Golf & Country Club from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Anne Littleton, a quilt artist, will show how to incorporate handkerchiefs and vintage liners into quilts, pillows and other decorative items. Bring a Hankie to play with. The speaker has not yet been announced. The cost is \$17 and includes the lunch and free child care. Please reserve your place by September 9th by calling Ginny (703-569-4670) or Liz (703-876-4780).



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.



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

A Covenant Affirmation – *We affirm a commitment to the whole mission of the church. The early Covenanters were known as “mission Friends” – people of shared faith who came together to carry out God’s mission both far and near. Mission for them and for us includes evangelism, Christian formation, and ministries of compassion, mercy and justice. We follow Christ’s two central calls – the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.*