



# A Throne Unshaken

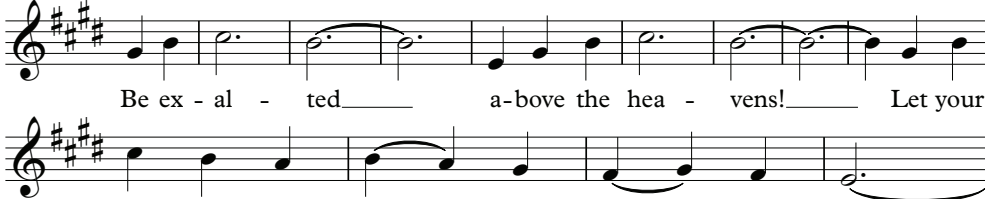
June 20, 2021  
4th Sunday after Pentecost  
Covenant Presbyterian  
Church of Chicago

## Welcome

*Green for the Season of Pentecost*

*Green represents growth, bountifulness, hope, and the victory of life over death in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

*Chorus*



Be ex - al - ted \_\_\_\_\_ a - bove the hea - vens! \_\_\_\_\_ Let your  
glo - ry be o - ver all \_\_\_\_\_ the earth, \_\_\_\_\_

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the chorus, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with blank lines for breath or emphasis.

## Call to Worship

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*from Psalm 57*

Leader: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;

**All: My heart is steadfast, O God,  
my heart is steadfast!**

Leader: I will sing and make melody!

**All: Awake, my glory!**

Leader: Awake, O harp and lyre!

**All: I will awake the dawn!**

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!**



1. O God be mer - ci - ful to me. My soul, take re - fuge  
2. My heart is fixed, my song shall raise im - mor - tal hon - ors  
3. Your stead - fast love is great, O God. I rest my hope in



in the Lord. I shel - ter 'neath thy spread - ing wing.  
to thy name. A - wake, my tongue, to sound his praise.  
thee a - lone; I'll spread thy sa - cred truths a - broad,



O save me from the threat' - ning storm.  
A - wake, my soul to lift his name.  
To all man - kind thy love make known.

*Chorus*



Be ex - al - ted a - bove the hea - vens! Let your



glo - ry be o - ver all the earth,

*Psalm 57, vs. 1-2 by Isaac Watts, 1720; vs. 3 by William Wrangham, 1829; music by Paul van der Bijl, 2015*

## Confession of Sin *from Psalm 39*

Leader: O LORD, make me know my end  
and what is the measure of my days;  
let me know how fleeting I am!  
Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,  
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.  
Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

All: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?  
My hope is in you.  
Deliver me from all my transgressions.

### Silent time to pray and confess



1. Mine are days that God has num - bered I was made to walk with Him,  
2. Mine are tears in times of sor - row dark-ness not yet un - der stood.  
3. Mine are days here as a stran - ger pil - grim on a nar - row way.



Yet I look for worl - dly treas - ure and for - sake the King of kings.  
Through the val - ley I must tra - vel Where I see no earth - ly good.  
One with Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and hat - red for His name.



But mine is hope in my Re - deem - er though I fall His love is sure,  
But mine is peace that flows from heav - en And the strength in times of need.  
But mine is ar - mour for this batt - le Strong e - nough but by His grace.



For Christ has paid for ev' - ry fail - ing I am His for - ev - er more.  
I know my pain will not be was - ted Christ com - pletes His work in me.  
A - cross the Jor - dan, He will guide me safe in - to his warm em - brace.



And mine are keys to Zi - on Ci - ty Where be - side the King I



walk for there my heart has found its trea - sure, Christ is mine for - ev - er more.

*Christ is Mine Forever, Words and Music, Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson, St. Paul's Anglican Church, New South Wales, Australia, 2016*

## Assurance of Pardon *1 Thessalonians 5:8-10*

Leader: *But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.*

All: **For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
So that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.**

### Song of Assurance

*Come re - jice now, O my soul, for His love is my re - ward. Fear is*

*gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine for - ev - er more. Come re - more.*

**Chorus**

*And mine are keys to Zi - on Ci - ty Where be - side the King I*

*walk for there my heart has found its trea - sure, Christ is mine for - ev - er more.*

## Lessons from the Word

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Gospel Lesson -  
New Testament Lesson -

Luke 19.41-44  
Romans 12.9-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

## The Word

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Pastor Aaron Baker  
The Flight of David, 2 Samuel 15.1-6, 13-14, 18-23, 30

After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. And Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate. And when any man had a dispute to come before the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And when he said, "Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel," Absalom would say to him, "See, your claims are good and right, but there is no man designated by the king to hear you." Then Absalom would say, "Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice." And whenever a man came near to pay homage to him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him. Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

And a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom." Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Go quickly, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down ruin on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword."

And all his servants passed by him, and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the six hundred Gittites who had followed him from Gath, passed on before the king. Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why do you also go with us? Go back and stay with the king, for you are a foreigner and also an exile from your home. You came only yesterday, and shall I today make you wander about with us, since I go I know not where? Go back and take your brothers with you, and may the LORD show steadfast love and faithfulness to you." But Ittai answered the king, "As the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, there also will your servant be." And David said to Ittai, "Go then, pass on." So Ittai the Gittite passed on with all his men and all the little ones who were with him. And all the land wept aloud as all the people passed by, and the king crossed the brook Kidron, and all the people passed on toward the wilderness.

But David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went, barefoot and with his head covered. And all the people who were with him covered their heads, and they went up, weeping as they went.

## The Great Thanksgiving

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Leader: The Lord be with you . . .

**All: And also with you.**

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**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts . . .

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God . . .

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts . . .

**All: We lift them to the Lord**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God . . .

**All: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,  
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

**All: In the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness.**

Leader: By the baptism of his suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension you gave birth to your Church, and delivered us from slavery to sin and death. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Ho - - ly God, Ho - ly and migh - ty,  
Ho - ly im - mor - tal one, Have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

*Trisagion, Words, 1st Century prayer; Music, Fernando Ortega, 2011*

## Distribute the Bread & Cup

Please note that we serve both red wine and white grape juice.  
All wafers are gluten free and available in a single serve cup.

### Receiving Communion

Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist) is the family meal of baptized Christians. We invite all to partake of this sacrament who trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, and seek strength to live more faithfully for him.

### Silent prayers for reflection

*Prayer for those taking communion*

*Lord Jesus, your perfect life, your death and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.*

*Prayer for those searching for truth*

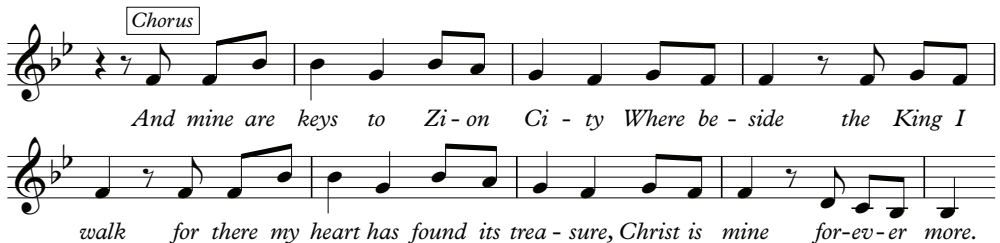
*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

### Respond to the Table

Leader: Remembering your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we take from your creation this bread and this wine  
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,  
as we await the day of his coming.  
With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you  
to be a living and holy sacrifice  
dedicated to your service.

All: **Great is this mystery of faith:  
Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

**Chorus**



And mine are keys to Zi-on Ci-ty Where be-side the King I  
walk for there my heart has found its trea-sure, Christ is mine for-ev-er more.



## News & Announcements

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### Announcements in our community

**Summer Service Times.** Beginning on July 4, Covenant will offer two services for the summer at 8:30 and 10:00 am. The 8:30 service will continue to be a mask-required service with designated rows for seating. The 10:00 am service will have no capacity or seating restrictions. Effective July 4, we will no longer require registrations for any worship services. Due to space limitations, we will still require reservations for childcare.

**Home Court:** Every summer, Breakthrough hosts a series of summer block parties & basketball tournaments in East Garfield Park. Covenant is partnering with Breakthrough on Friday, July 9th to host Home Court in St. Louis Park from 4:30-8:30. We need 15 Volunteers to help prepare food for the free cookout and help with children's activities. You can sign up to help with a portion of the event or the whole event. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Pastor Dan Adamson ([dadamson@covenantchicago.org](mailto:dadamson@covenantchicago.org)).

**Children's Ministry Beginning July 11:** Covenant's Children's Ministry is excited to announce that beginning July 11, we will expand our in-person children's programs. At both services, we'll offer childcare for children birth through pre-k. Additionally, we'll offer children's worship for grades K-5 at the 10:00 am service. In order to reopen this vital ministry, we need volunteer support. If you are interested in serving in our nurseries or children's worship classrooms, please contact Ian Troll ([ian@covenantchicago.org](mailto:ian@covenantchicago.org)) for more information.

**Summer Playgroup:** Covenant Summer Playgroup will meet up at various parks, pools, beaches, and other outdoor spaces on weekday mornings throughout the summer starting in July. All are welcome - please feel free to drop in as your schedule allows. Email Mandi Taylor ([manditaylor@gmail.com](mailto:manditaylor@gmail.com)) or Iva Riggs ([iva.riggs@gmail.com](mailto:iva.riggs@gmail.com)) to be added to the summer email list.

**Should We Cancel David?: A Conversation about Sinning Saints.** How do we deal with the stories of David sinning boldly and how do we deal with prominent Christians behaving badly? Covenant members Joseph Melkonian, Jason Stanghelle, and Larissa Bossemeyer had a conversation about dealing with the sins of others in our community and broader world of faith. You can listen in and think about the ways that we can process and respond to the sins of others: [covenantchicago.org/events/cancel-david](https://covenantchicago.org/events/cancel-david).

**Common Ground Volunteers:** Covenant is looking for volunteers to help make and serve the coffee in the courtyard between services. If you'd be willing to help, please contact Larissa Bossemeyer ([lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org](mailto:lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org)).

**Sermon Devotional Emails:** Twice a week, a team from Covenant sends sermon devotional emails that will help you reflect on and prayer through the prior week's sermon text and Scripture lessons. Email [devotional@covenantchicago.org](mailto:devotional@covenantchicago.org) to sign up.

**Let Us Pray for You.** Covenant's staff meets to pray for the congregation throughout the week. We would be honored to pray for you. Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Dan ([dadamson@covenantchicago.org](mailto:dadamson@covenantchicago.org)) who will share them with the staff.

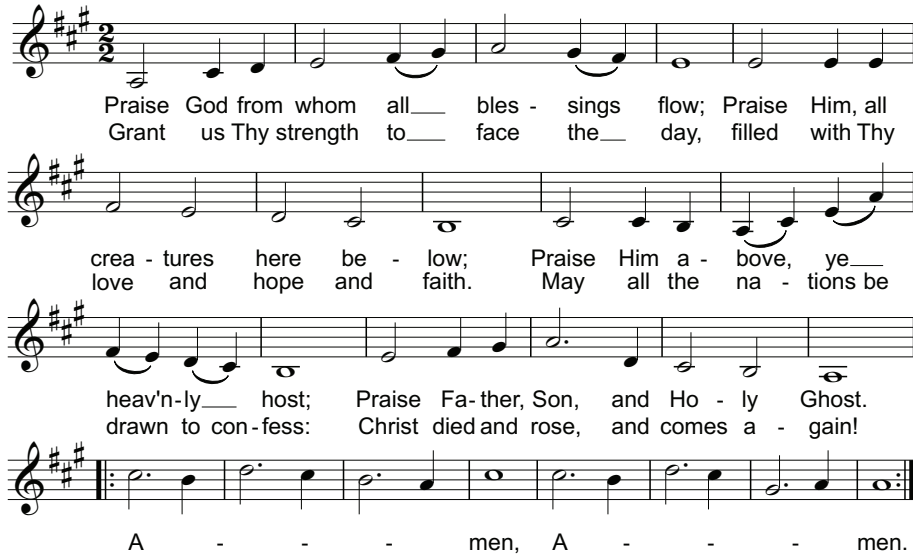
**Pastor David** will be on sabbatical until July 7.

## Go With Joy, from 1 Peter 3:18

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Leader: As we enter this week,  
May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.



Praise God from whom all\_\_ bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all  
Grant us Thy strength to\_\_ face the\_\_ day, filled with Thy  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye\_\_  
love and hope and faith. May all the na - tions be  
heav'n-ly\_\_ host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.  
drawn to con - fess: Christ died and rose, and comes a - gain!  
A - - - men, A - - - men.

*Doxology, Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, v2 by vdBijl, 2018; Music, John Hatton, 1793, Chorus, Redeemer Knoxville, 2014*

Leader: **Benediction**

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*Romans 15:5-7 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## Session

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Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David Dillon, Kevin Jones, Brad Lewis, Steve Lehmann, David Salsedo, Ryan Von Drehle. *Please direct correspondence for the Session to [session@covenantchicago.org](mailto:session@covenantchicago.org).*

## Diaconate

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Rich Lane, Andrew Dykstra, Jonathan Ellison, Phil Koerner, Paul Leo, Joel Miller, Shane Rector, Jenny Smith, Deb Van Der Molen, Matt Ver Steeg

**Treasurer:** Ben Harvey

*If you're in need or wish to speak with a deacon, you can email us at [diaconate@covenantchicago.org](mailto:diaconate@covenantchicago.org).*



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