



August 15, 2021

10:00 a.m., Facebook LIVE

Live: www.facebook.com/FirstCovenantErie/

Recording available after live service: www.tinyurl.com/FPCCYouTube

Due to the rise in Covid Delta Variant masks are required to be worn at all times in worship.

"Worship" is not something we watch. It is something we do. Read aloud bolded responses.

*Please share greetings and comments. Stand if you choose, where you see **

G A T H E R I N G

Ringing of the Bell Tower Carillon (9:45 a.m.)

Montgomery Service

Gathering Music

'Praeludium, Fugue and Ciacona,' Buxtehude

Leslie Weber

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Chris Weichman

Call to Worship

Rev. Chris Weichman

The bread of heaven, the food of life, awaits us here.

We are hungry and long for God's abundance.

The promise of deep forgiveness surrounds us here.

We are lost and yearning to be found.

God waits to pour out the gifts of the Spirit,

that we might live the life of faith.

Come, let us worship God.

***Hymn # 81**

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

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P R A Y I N G

Call to Confession

Rachel Moldovan

Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart

and full assurance of faith,

our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession *(responsive, please read aloud the bold print)*

Rachel Moldovan

Eternal God, you desire truth in our very beings.

We treat others unjustly and do not admit our sin against you.

Put a new and right spirit within us.

We are outraged when someone else is unjust,

but do not admit our own guilt.

Put a new and right spirit within us.

We demand punishment for others, but do not

admit our own fear of punishment.

Put a new and right spirit within us.

O God, teach us again that you desire honesty of heart.

**Forgive us; put a new and right spirit within us,
and open our lips to declare your praise. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Rachel Moldovan

Believe the good news!
God did not send the Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved
through him.

*Passing of the Peace

Rachel Moldovan

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you.

Share greetings of Christ's peace in the comment section on the Facebook livestream or share a nod, a peace sign, a wave of peace with those worshipping with you in the sanctuary.

L I S T E N I N G

First Reading *Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15*

Montgomery Service

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Hymn # 821

How Can I Keep From Singing?

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Children's Moment

Rev. Chris Weichman

Second Reading *John 6:24-35*

Rev. Chris Weichman

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

R E S P O N D I N G

Time of Reflection

"Holy, Holy, Holy," Martha Lynn Thompson

Junior Ringers

Gordon Service, Leon Bussiere, Nathaniel and Hannah Stumpf, Pearl, Ruby and Jasper Murphy-Allen

Prayers of the People

Rev. Chris Weichman

God is Good... All the Time!
All the Time... God is Good!

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

Rev. Chris Weichman

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

***Hymn #37**

Let All Things Now Living

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***Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings**

Rev. Chris Weichman

*Thank you for enabling ministry using the blue **shop now** button on the church's Facebook page or
see the box on the bottom of this page.*

***Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low...Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known;
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

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***Benediction**

Rev. Chris Weichman

***Postlude**

"Postlude," Organ Book No. 6 Alexandre Guilmant

Leslie Weber

INVITATION TO MINISTRY

Welcome! to everyone joining us for worship in the sanctuary and on Facebook LIVE. Starting today masks must be worn at all times in the sanctuary and church building. Updated in-person worship details can be found on page 11 of this bulletin.

Thank you to Everyone who gave to First Covenant through Erie Gives on August 10th. A total of 66 donors gave \$69,097 to the mission and ministries of the church. Your participation continues to bless FPCC. We are grateful for your generosity.

Updated Protocols! Beginning Today masks are required in the sanctuary and church building. Masks are optional for outside fellowship activities. Remember: children have not yet had the opportunity to be vaccinated. And there are some in our midst with extreme health vulnerabilities. For these reasons, social distancing (seating every third pew) will continue. More details on page 11.

Save the Date: Worship at Presque Isle August 22 Worship and picnic at Presque Isle's Cookhouse, 10:00 a.m. Bring friends, bag chairs, picnic table cloth, beach gear. There will be no service at the church that day, but a service will be available on Facebook for those desiring to worship from home. **Need a Ride – Give a Ride** Do you need a ride? Can you give a ride? If you need a ride or would like to give a ride to Presque Isle for worship on August 22 please call or email the church office by Friday, August 20 at 12:00p.m. office@firstcovenanterie.org

Join Us For Fellowship After Worship Catch up with friends or meet someone new. Come and join us for Fellowship Hour under the Bell Tower.

Cantor Volunteers needed as we move into the Fall we are in need of volunteers to lead us in the singing of the hymns during worship. Practice provided before the service on Sundays. Please contact Monty Service (montgomery.service@firstcovenanterie.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

Carillon Volunteers needed it's been great to use the carillon to welcome us into worship each Sunday morning, as we look to the Fall we are in need of volunteers to play the carillon for 9-10 minutes before worship on Sunday mornings. We've been using hymn melodies and the carillon console is a keyboard (like a piano). Training and orientation provided, volunteers would need to be able to read music and play one-handed melodies. Please contact Monty Service (montgomery.service@firstcovenanterie.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

Summer Faith Formation Opportunities

Adults-

Bible Study (in person) Genesis with Pastor Britney, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study (Facebook LIVE) Wednesdays, 12:00 noon, pastors lead.

Men's Bible Study (Zoom) with Pastor Chris, Thursday, **August 26**, 7:30 a.m.

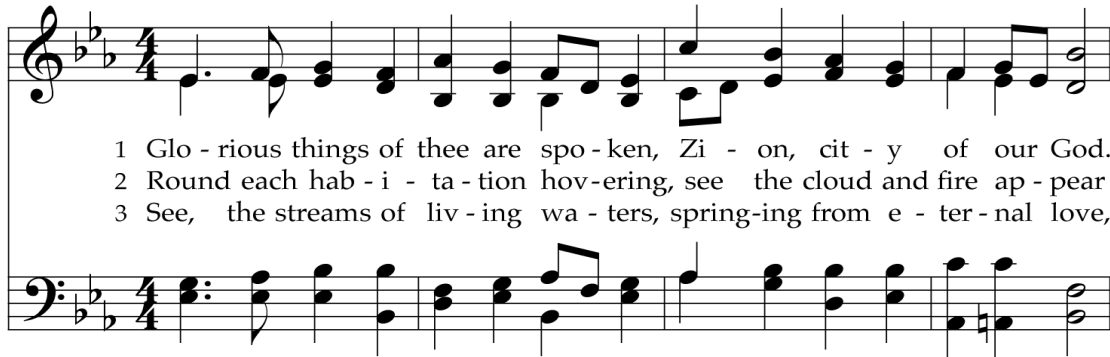
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PLUS⁺**

3 Ways to give tithe or offering... THANK YOU!

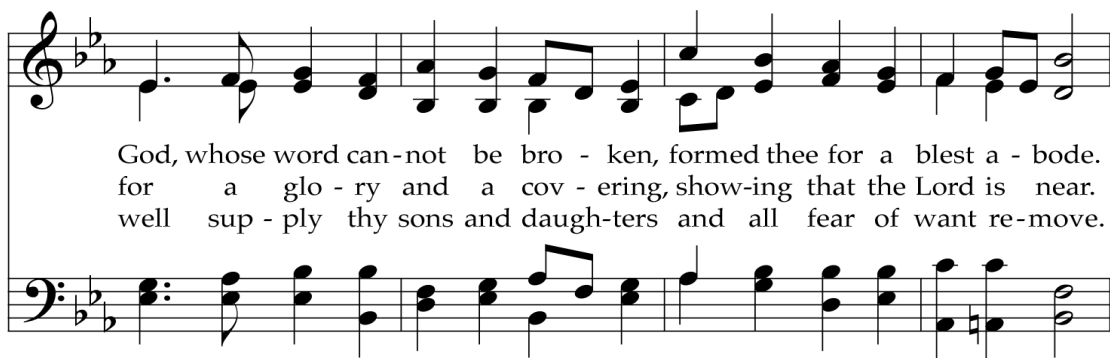
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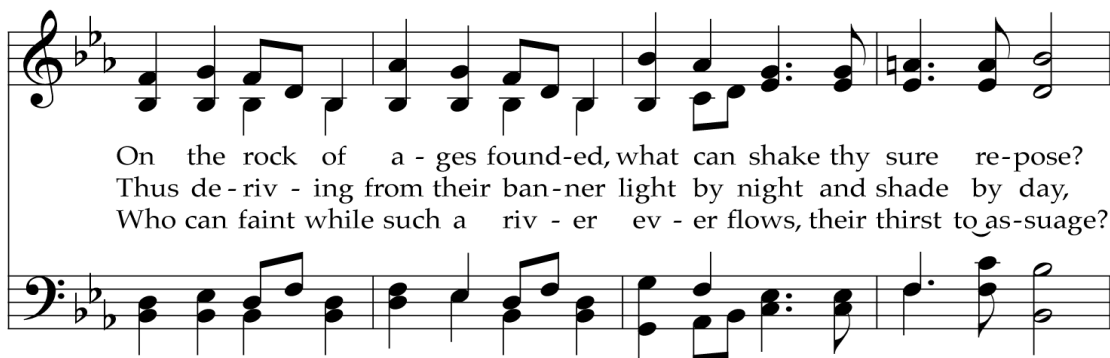
81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



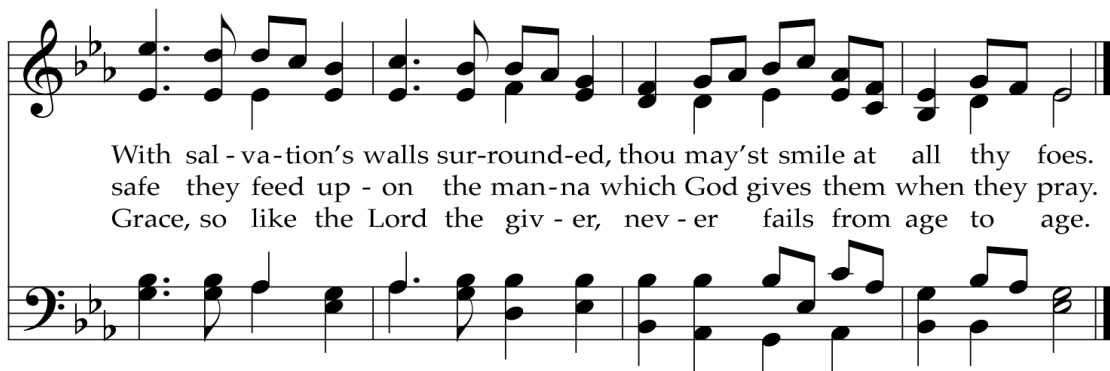
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20–21 with allusions to several other passages.

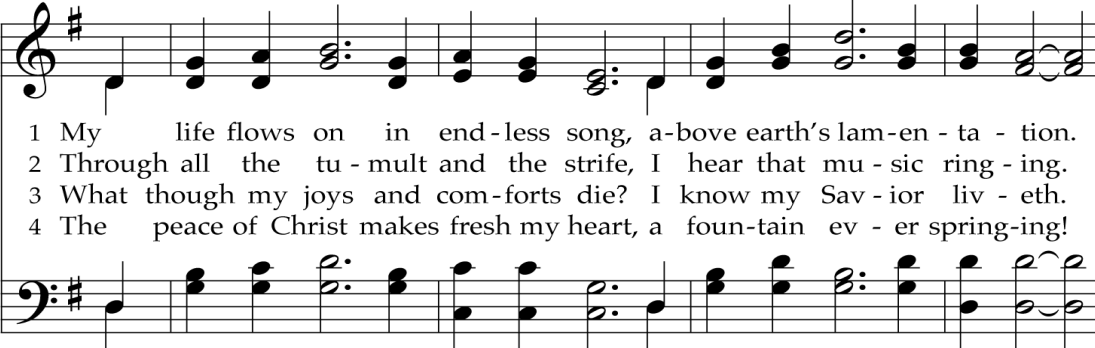
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 MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, alt.

AUSTRIAN HYMN
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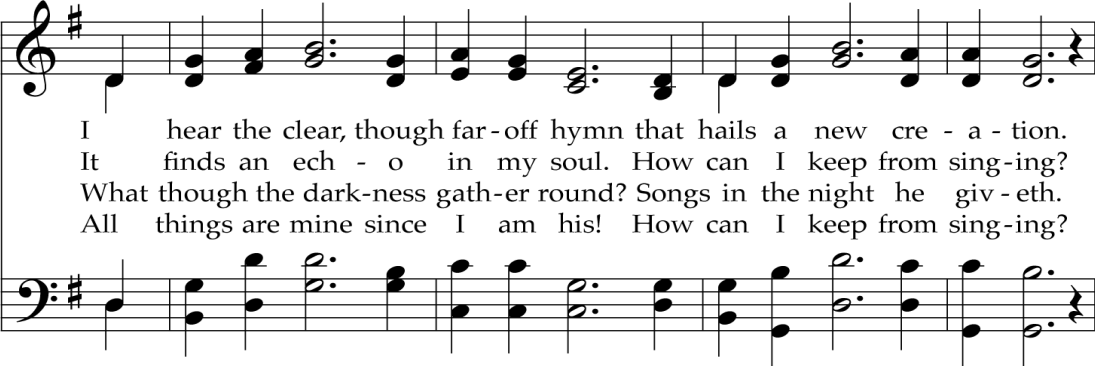
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My Life Flows On

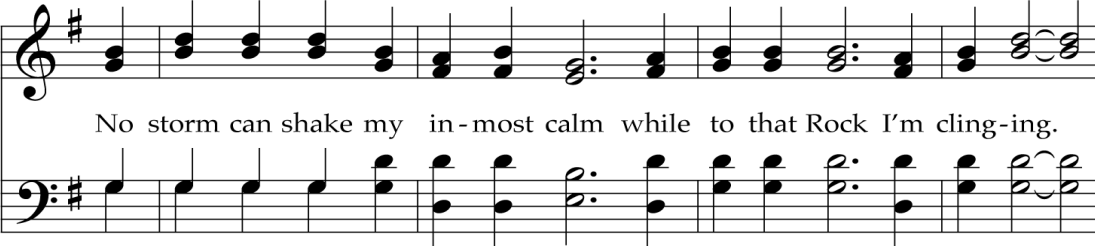
How Can I Keep from Singing?



1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain


No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

37 Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,

to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 the hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains,

by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony God's ban-ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

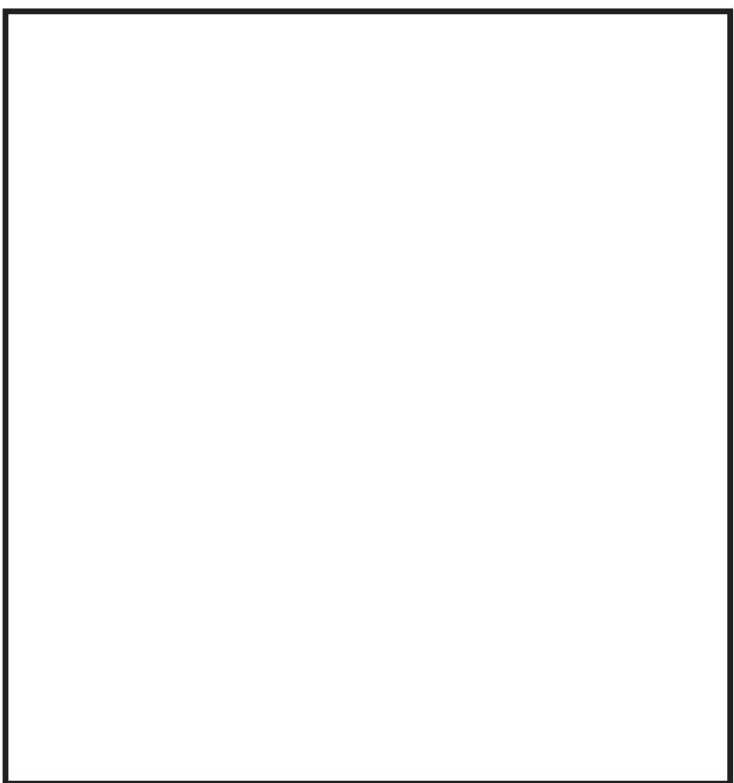
a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

till shad-ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban-ish-ed,
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:

as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

DRAW IT

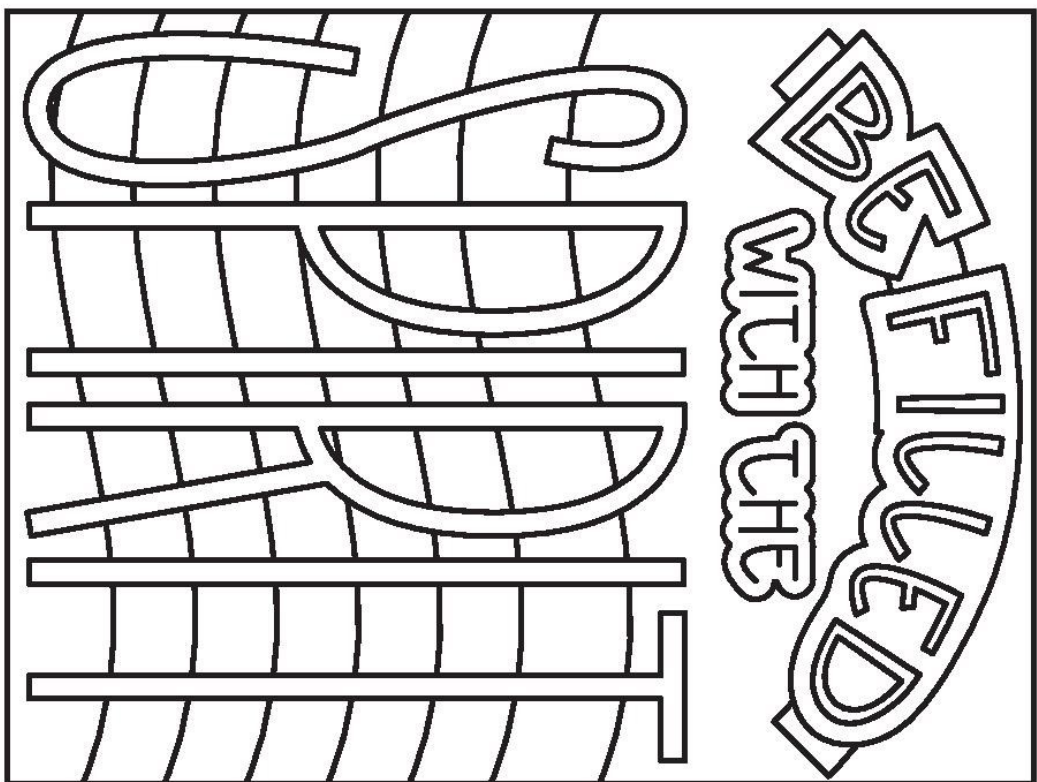
In 1 Kings 2, God appears to King Solomon in a dream and says, "Ask what I should give you." Of all the things he could have asked for, Solomon asks God for wisdom. What would you ask God for? Draw your picture here.



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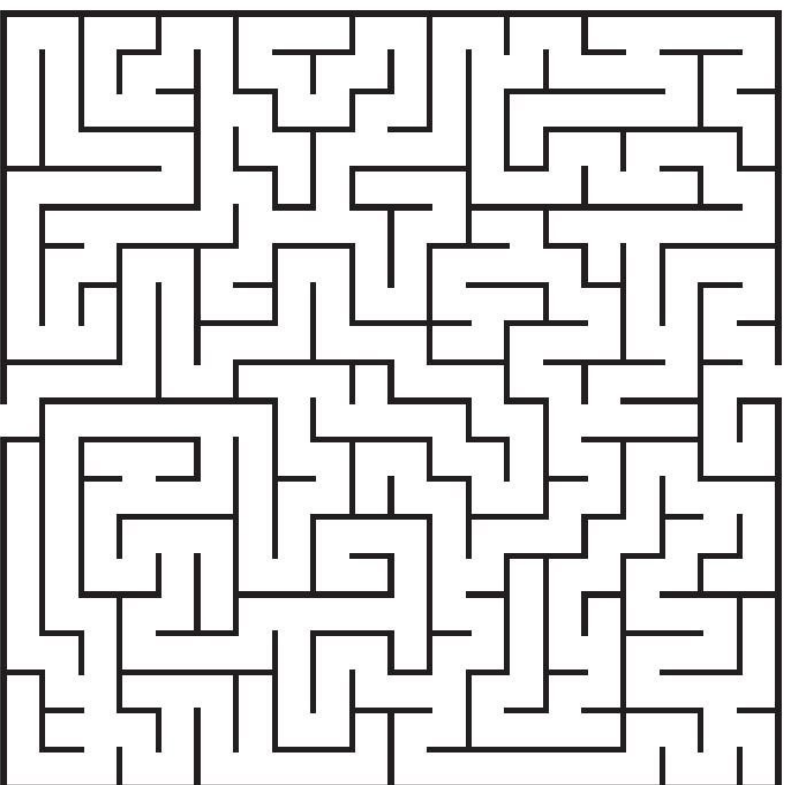
CHILDREIN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on 1 Kings 2:10-12, 33-14, Psalm 111,
Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58.



SOLVE (the) MAZE

Many people came to listen to Jesus' teaching. Help the crowds find where Jesus is sitting and sharing!



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Psalm 111 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

Y O V W S M G P L Z P Y W P B
N A Z V E L F O O D J R N R J
I Z W Z F U A W E S S O M E O X
B J I L E F F M E B S N B D N H
C U S W S H F E R O I C C O J O E
D S D O H T X W H O L E T H A
U T O R A I B I V L G F S R R
W P M K N A D E L L R X U M X T
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R F B Z Y P R B M Y T M Z D J
Z X Y P P B G L Z W T O T V R X
P B T H A N K S J D H J B C X

| PRAISE | WORKS | POWER |
|--------|----------|----------|
| LORD | DELIGHT | HANDS |
| THANKS | HONOR | FAITHFUL |
| WHOLE | FOOD | JUST |
| HEART | GRACIOUS | WISDOM |
| GREAT | COVENANT | AWESOME |

Pandemic In-Person Worship Protocols *(updated August 10, 2021)*

It is good to once again have the option to worship together in the sanctuary! Full vaccinations for Erie County residents continue to increase. Daily new case counts and hospitalizations are declining. Thank God! Warmer weather allows for open doors and ample ventilation in the sanctuary.

Our worship protocols listed below were developed after consultation with Dr. Nadworny and the Erie County Health Department and they will be incrementally adjusted as the situation permits.

The more vaccinated we are, the more protocols can be loosened.

LATEST UPDATE

- **Masking. Distancing. Pews. Seating. Due to the rise in Covid Delta Variant** Masking is no longer optional. Masks must be worn at all times. We will continue to practice social distancing. Some pews are blocked off with chairs to allow for 6-foot distancing between rows. The centers of available pews have a 6-foot “no seating” section marked off. Seating will be at the ends of each available pew. **Volunteers needed to welcome and guide worshipers:** chris.weichman@firstcovenanterie.org

Here's what to expect:

- **Facebook LIVE-streaming** of services will continue. Attend online or in-person: it is your choice based on your comfort. If you attend in-person, keep this in mind. Talking / noises will be picked up by mics.
- **Complete an attendance / health assessment form in advance—each time you attend.** Find the form on page 14 to cut out and bring with you to turn in at the entry door. You'll also find it in the Chimes newsletter and each worship bulletin. Copies are also available at the entry door. In addition to stating you are feeling well, this form will register in-person attendance and be used if contact tracing is necessary.
- **Limited entry/exit doors.** There will be ONE entry to the sanctuary at 9:30: *Zahniser Coat Room* doors. These doors are at the northeast corner of the church, on the east side (by the Wright House). They enter into the Narthex. The glass “breezeway” doors nor any others will be available for entry. Exit doors will be the same *Zahniser Coat Room* doors and the nearby *Fish Chapel* doors. Other doors will be opened for ventilation purposes and emergency exit only.
- **One-Way traffic lane.** For drop-off and pick-up by car, the lane along the east side of the church will be one-way. One-way into the parking lot from 6th Street BEFORE the worship service. And then as worship concludes it will flip to one-way OUT from the parking lot to 6th Street.
- **Bulletins. Hymnals. Pew pads.** You will be handed a worship packet as you enter. It is the same as what is emailed weekly, containing all bible texts and music. Nothing touched by multiple people will be used: hymnals, bibles, pew pads are stored until further notice. Attendance is received via the health forms.
- **Singing and spoken responses.** Singing is only permitted with masks. Monty will continue as our cantor. Quietly spoken liturgy responses and unison prayers *are* permitted.
- **Narthex bathrooms only.** Only the two bathrooms in the narthex will be available. The rest of the building will remain locked-off. Make a final pit stop at home before leaving.
- **Communion, offering.** On first Sundays you will be handed a communion kit with wafer and juice. Or you may bring your own elements from home. Dispose of packaging as you exit. Offering will be received as you exit. Or continue to give via the church website, the *Give-Plus* app, or U.S. mail.

During a pandemic nothing is risk-free.

Indoor, in-person worship participation, even with all of the protocols and precautions outlined above, still bears the risk of Covid-19 transmission.

In-Person Worship Attendance Form

Please print. Hand-in at entrance to sanctuary. For health screening and contract tracing purposes only. Thank you.

Name _____ Worship Date _____

Phone number _____ Vaccinated? YES NO OTHER

Experiencing any of the following: Shortness of breath, cough, fever, chills, body aches, loss of sense of smell or taste, headache, nausea, vomiting? YES NO

In the last 14 days...

have you been within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more with anyone that has tested positive for Covid? YES NO

have you been tested, with a positive result, for Covid-19? YES NO

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