



Full
to
the Brim

*Even
in the
desert*



March 6, 2022 · First Sunday of Lent
11:00 AM · Sanctuary and Facebook LIVE
Live: www.facebook.com/firstcovenanterie
Recording available after live service: www.tinyurl.com/FPCCYouTube

*Welcome! Come, let us worship together – online and in person.
Please share greetings and comments. * Please stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

Ringing of the Bell Tower Carillon (10:45 AM) Monty Service

Gathering Music "Lamb of God" Leslie Weber
Arranged by Twila Paris

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Britney L. V. Knight

Call to Worship (*responsive, read aloud the bold print*) Bryleigh Paluchak

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

Jesus went into the city to heal.

Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.

Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

but Jesus also went to the wilderness.

There is nowhere we can go that God does not walk with us.

We are in God's house. Let us worship Holy God.

*Hymn #618 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" Page 8

PRAYING

*Call to Confession Kaitlyn Falk

Friends, we worship a God who doesn't keep score and doesn't hold grudges. We worship a God who invites us into a richer faith, a deeper love, a more compassionate existence with a million chances to try again. So let us speak truth into our lives, asking for God's help where we need it. Let us pray the prayer of confession together.

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

Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power – **Teach us a new way.**

Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about material wealth – **Teach us a new way.**

Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control – **Teach us a new way.**

Teach us to live as you live. **Teach us to love as you love.**

Forgive us when we don't. **Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon** (*responsive, read aloud the bold print*)

Kaitlyn Falk

Siblings in Christ, no matter how many times we mess up, no matter how far we wander,
no matter how lost we feel, God's grace is full to the brim.
It overflows in desert places. It finds us where we are and it covers us in mercy.
Hear us and believe this good news –
God's love is overflowing. We are drenched in mercy.
Thanks be to God. Amen

***Passing of the Peace** (*responsive, read aloud the bold print*)

Kaitlyn Falk

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

*Share greetings of Christ's peace through a wave, a peace sign, a nod,
or in the comment section on our Facebook livestream.*

Meditation

"I Will Be a Child of Peace"

Women's Choir

Traditional Shaker Hymn | Arranged by Elaine Hagenberg

L I S T E N I N G

First Reading *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

Mary Concoby

When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ² take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³ and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. ⁵ Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶ But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. ⁷ Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil, and oppression. ⁸ So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰ and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. ¹¹ Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

Hymn #450

"Be Thou My Vision"

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Children's Moment

Rev. Britney L. V. Knight

Second Reading *Luke 4:1-13*

Rev. Britney L. V. Knight

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I

give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “If it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,” ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Sermon

“Full to the Brim: Even in the Desert”

Rev. Britney L. V. Knight

RESPONDING

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Britney L. V. Knight

Hymn #518

“Your Only Son (Lamb of God)”

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Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *(please read aloud the bold print)*

Rev. Britney L. V. Knight

May the God of wilderness be with you.

And also with you.

Let us bring our hearts to God.

We offer them to God who fills them to the brim with life.

With songs on our lips and in our hearts, let us praise God.

We sing of what we believe, offering thanksgivings from our hearts.

...we offer our songs of praise to you:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

... as we try to confess his death and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen 573



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

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...joining our sisters and brothers in praising you, we pray the prayer your Son taught us:

**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

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A - men, a - men, a - men.

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AMEN (Pavlechko)

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The Words of Institution

Rev. Britney L. V. Knight

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Rev. Britney L. V. Knight

Affirmation of Faith *(please read aloud the bold print)*

Rev. Britney L. V. Knight

We believe God is love.
We believe God's love is overflowing.
We believe Jesus is a river.
We believe that river is running toward us.
We believe the Holy Spirit is a vessel.
We believe that vessel holds mercy for you and for me.
We believe the wilderness is real.
We believe the desert is lonely.
We believe that Jesus has been there.
We know that we do not walk alone.
Even in the desert, **we are loved.**
Even in the desert, **God is with us.**
Even in the desert, **this love overflows.**
Thanks be to God, Amen.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Britney L. V. Knight

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*Doxology

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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*Benediction

Rev. Britney L. V. Knight

Postlude

“O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Leslie Weber

Arranged by Carol Tornquist

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March is Women’s History Month! To celebrate, we will showcase the works of female composers. The arranger of our Women’s Choir piece is **Elaine Hagenberg**. She is a prolific composer and arranger, with many award-winning compositions performed worldwide and frequently featured at American Choral Directors Association conferences, All-State festivals, Carnegie Hall, and other distinguished international concert halls from Australia to South America and throughout Europe. In addition to composing full-time, Hagenberg actively engages in bringing her music to life as the guest artist and featured clinician for professional conferences and festivals both in the U.S. and abroad as a composer, conductor, and accompanist of her work.

Information from elainehagenberg.com

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First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant,
250 West 7th Street, Erie, PA 16501



INVITATION TO MINISTRY

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

What's happening this week? Visit <https://tinyurl.com/CalendarFPCC> for the most up-to-date calendar. If you are a committee or board chairperson, or are scheduling an event at the church, please submit your calendar items and changes to office@firstcovenanterie.org.

Mask Update: Beginning Sunday, March 20, 2022, we will be moving to a “masking optional” policy in our building. To learn more, please visit page 9.

Thank You: Thank you to our cantor, Nina DiPlacido, and the members of the Women's Chorus for sharing their voices with our congregation!

Montreat Registration Deadline: The deadline to register and submit your deposit to Pastor Britney for Montreat is due today! Please contact Pastor Britney with any questions.

Gliding Stars Show: Gliding Stars is an adaptive ice-skating program that provides individuals with disabilities the opportunity to increase their personal potential through development of ice skating skills. They will be hosting a performance on Saturday, April 2 at 7:00 PM. Several church members will be present as volunteers. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the church office.

Lenten Connections Dinner: This Lent, we will be hosting weekly Connections Dinners on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM to help us prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. Please RSVP to the office by the Monday prior to the dinner.

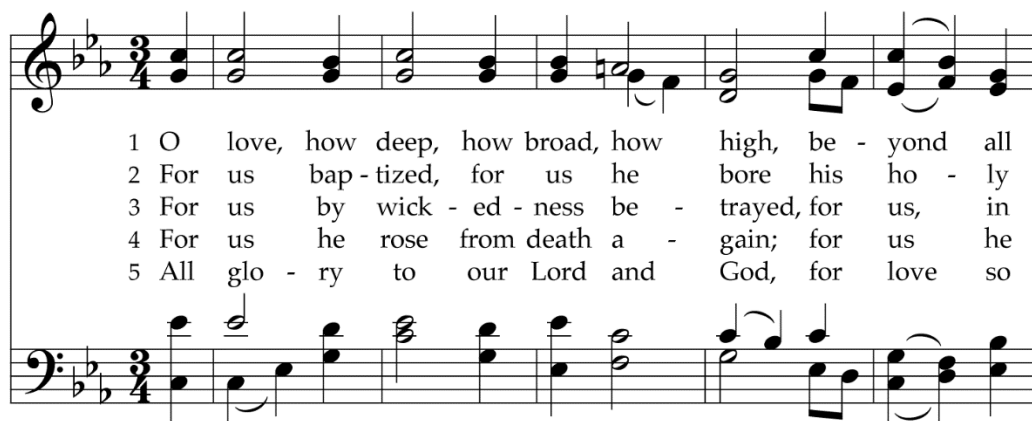
Lent Bags: Drop by the office to grab your Full to the Brim Lent Bags! Inside, you will find many items that can help you prepare for Lent and the joys of Easter. Extra pieces of our Lent Bags will be available in the Welcome Center outside of the office.

Deacons' Lent Project: This year, our Deacons are hosting a book drive for the students and teachers of JoAnna Connell Elementary School. Grab a paper egg from the trees in the Narthex and Welcome Center to find information about a book they are looking for. You can drop off your books or have them sent to our office any time during Lent. All books are due by Easter Sunday, April 17. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Ream, Moderator of the Deacons, at dianeream@verizon.net.

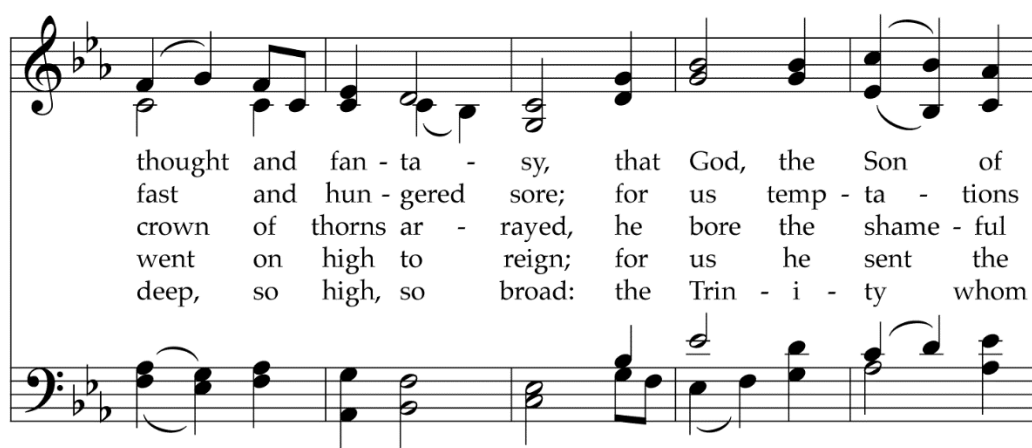
Kirk House: The Kirk House is a church-supplied, faith-based community living house for Gannon students. There are a few spots open in the house; contact Seph at seph.kumer@firstcovenanterie.org for more information.

GivePlus Updates: The GivePlus app is now Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement! The app can be found in the App Store or the Google Play Store. Once downloaded, you can search us by name, city, or by typing in our access code (J58HFC). This change only affects users of the GivePlus app. If you have a recurring gift that was set up through the GivePlus app, your gift will continue uninterrupted. Please contact the office with questions.

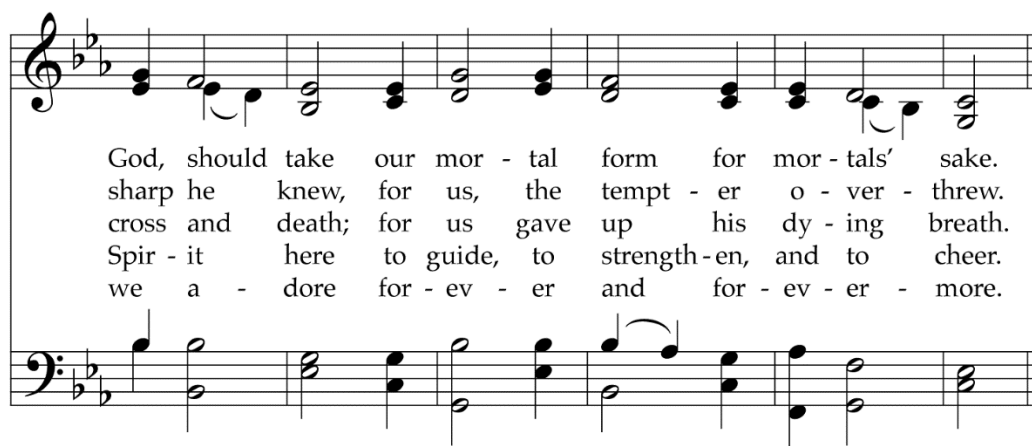
618 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed, for us, in
 4 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 5 All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 went on high to reign; for us he sent the
 deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom




God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp he knew, for us, the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Reducing a twenty-three-stanza Latin text to these five English stanzas intensifies this survey of the mystery of the Incarnation and strengthens the repeated reminder that all was done "for us." A comparable tone of proclamation animates this 15th-century song celebrating a military victory.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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Your Only Son

Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love, we cru - ci - fied; we laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died; the hum - ble King we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

John the Baptist calls Jesus "the Lamb of God" when he sees Jesus coming for baptism at the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). Sacrificial lamb references appear in Acts 8:32 (quoting Isaiah 53:7) and 1 Peter 1:19 as well as in twenty-eight triumphant "Lamb" mentions in Revelation.

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LAMB OF GOD

LM with refrain

Pandemic In-Person Worship Protocols

Updated March 4, 2021

We are excited to have the opportunity to worship together in the sanctuary and chapel! As we move towards the colder weather, we are regularly revisiting our policies to keep our staff and communities safe. The worship policies below were developed in consultation with Dr. Howard Nadworny, infectious disease specialist, and the Erie County Health Department and are subject to change.

Latest Updates

- **Masks:** Following the CDC's updated safety guidelines, we are moving to a "masking optional" policy in our building. This will include all worship services (including sung portions), events, and meetings hosted by First Covenant and held in our building. Outside organizations who use our building for meetings or events have the right to require guests attending their functions to wear masks. In addition, for any First Covenant events not held at our church, we will yield to our hosting venue to determine if masks are required. We understand that the health conditions of our region continue to evolve and will continue to follow the CDC's recommendations as we move through this year. If you have any questions about this change, please contact the church office at 814.456.4243 or office@firstcovenanterie.org.

Here's what to expect:

- **Distancing and Seating:** As of Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022, we will no longer be blocking off pews to enforce social distancing. If you would like to volunteer to welcome and guide worshipers, please contact Diane Ream at dianeream@verizon.net.
- **Worship Entrance:** Please use the glass "breezeway" doors at the office to enter the church.
- **Facebook Livestream:** We will continue to livestream our 11:00 AM service. Worshipers are welcome to choose in-person or online worship options based on their comfort. To those attending in-person – our microphones are sensitive, so talking and noises will be picked up.
- **Attendance and Health Assessment:** In-person worshipers are required to turn in our Health Assessment form upon arrival. The form can be found on page 8 of this worship bulletin, at the end of each Chimes newsletter, and at the entry of First Covenant. In addition to stating you are feeling well, this form will track in-person attendance and be used if contact tracing is necessary.
- **One-Way Traffic:** For drop-off and pick-up by car, the lane along the east side of the church will be one-way. We will also have one-way traffic into the parking lot from West 6th Street before the worship service and then flip to one-way out from the parking lot to West 6th Street.
- **Worship Materials:** All in-person worshipers will be handed a worship packet upon arrival. This same packet will be emailed to all First Covenant members. It will contain all Bible texts and music included in each service. No items that may be touched by multiple worshipers (hymnals, Bibles, pew pads) will be used until further notice.
- **Communion:** We will continue to have Communion on the first Sunday of each month. In-person worshipers will be handed a communion kit with wafers and juice upon arrival or are welcome to bring your own elements from home. Please dispose of any packaging as you exit and do not leave any materials in the pews.
- **Offerings:** Offerings will be received as you exit at the conclusion of the service. Offerings may also be made through the church website, the Give-Plus app, or by mail to our office.

No activities during a pandemic can be considered risk-free. Indoor in-person worship participation, even with the protocols and precautions outlined above, still bears the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

In-Person Worship Attendance Form

Please return at entrance to sanctuary. For attendance and contract tracing purposes only. Thank you.

Name: _____ **Worship Date:** _____ **Time:** 8:30 9:30 FF 11:00

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Please send me more information about:

- ☐ Membership at First Covenant
- ☐ Scheduling a Pastoral Visit
- ☐ Ways to get involved
- ☐ Joining First Covenant's email list (one or two emails per week)

Prayer Requests: _____

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