

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering basket during the offering.

And feel free to join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for “coffee and...” Find out more about us at our website at TrinityCovenantChurch.com. We hope to see you again soon! —Pastor Sue

About the Covenant Church

The Covenant Church is a rapidly growing multi-ethnic denomination in the United States and Canada with ministries on five continents of the world. Founded in 1885, the Covenant values the Bible as the Word of God, the gift of God’s grace and ever-deepening spiritual life that comes through faith in Jesus Christ, the importance of extending God’s love and compassion to a hurting world, and the strength that comes from unity within diversity.

The Covenant Church has identified five mission priorities in pursuit of these goals: Making and Deepening Disciples, Strengthening and Serving the Church, Loving Mercy and Doing Justice, Developing Leaders, and Serving in all these ways Globally.

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Our Building Partners

The congregation of Trinity Covenant Church is host to the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church which also meets in this building on Sundays, and Redeemed Ministries, which meets here some Sunday evenings. Let us know if we may introduce you to our partners.



A place for love and grace.

Welcome

**As the body
without the spirit
is dead, so faith
without deeds
is dead.**

James 2:26



Today's Order of Worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

11 AM

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #68

CALL TO WORSHIP* Psalm 150

L: Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

**C: Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

L: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

**C: Praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,**

L: Praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

**ALL: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord.**

SONGS OF PRAISE*

10,000 Reasons
(We Are Standing On) Holy Ground

OPENING PRAYER OF PRAISE

one another. Those who grieve., especially the families and friends of Elaine Marcus and Lily Lee; Ashley M; May; victims of mass shootings

Wisdom for... Congress, the President and our nation; for leaders in places of disaster towards rebuilding; the Covenant Church; our Council; voters

Provision for...Debbie, Steve Smith, Puerto Rico

Protection for...people in shelters and without homes; fire-fighters, police, first responders; those traveling. Children at the border; those in the way of domestic violence; refugees; those in the way of CA fires

Those Deployed... Amy S, Tyler Norton

New life in Christ for....L, M, J, P, K

Thanksgiving for... being united by faith in Christ

Covenant Kids... Chantal Nyandomba, Lunukelo, Jonas, Daniel, Patricia, Andre, Heritier, Zozo, Christine, Zita, Packe, Kalala, Louise, Sophia, Borongo and Ivonne, Christine, Louise, Israel

Please submit and update prayer requests using the offering plate or turn them in to the church office via note, phone call or email.

**If able, we stand together*

Events at Trinity

- Join us after worship today in Fellowship Hall for a BBQ lunch. Thank you to Jim Traverso and Mike Malbrough for being our grill masters!
- Please register to donate at the Red Cross Blood Drive, here at Trinity on Wednesday, 9/5, 2 PM - 7 PM. Go to TrinityCovenantChurch.com to register online.
- Kids' Choir: Tuesday @ 4:30 PM
- Guitar Club: Tuesday @ 7 PM

We Pray This Week For...

Healing and Restoration for... Keri, Karen K, Mark T's friend, Daniel; Yvette's friend, Joan D.; Tabitha Gasperson Thompson, Megan K. (Cov. pastor's daughter, breast cancer AND leukemia); Pastor Sue—eye procedure 9/6 and 9/20

Continued healing for... Violet, Ilene, Gwynne; Yvette's friend Dave B. and step-mom Barbara; Chrystal

At home... Miriam Anderson

Peace for... Miriam, Rachel C., Deb, Mindy, those struggling with anxiety; our nation as we seek to love

SONG OF PREPARATION

Teach Us Your Mercy

Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 2:17-26

¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SERMON TEXT Mark 14:1-11 (NIV)

14 Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. ²“But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.”

³ While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

⁴ Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? ⁵ It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.

“Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷ The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. ¹¹ They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

PROCLAMATION

Crazy in Love

Rev. Susan Gillespie

COMMUNION HYMN

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

THE LORD'S SUPPER

SILENT PRAYER/ PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

(It is our custom during the Lord's Prayer, to say "sins" instead of "debts" or "trespasses.")

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY*

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SONG OF JOY*

He is Exalted!

ANNOUNCEMENTS*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE