

FIRST COVENANT Church

April 21, 2024

10:15 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING SONG

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (Blue 264)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORSHIP IN SONG

“Jesus, I Come” & “Graves Into Gardens”

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:33-53

MESSAGE

“Rise Above: Found”

Pastor Peter Dibley

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Be Thou My Vision” (Blue 412)

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all
eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and
side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty
glorified; no angels in the sky can fully bear that
sight, but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the
grave and rose victorious in the strife for those he
came to save; his glories now we sing who died and
rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and
lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout
eternity.

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage sorrow and night
 Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom gladness and light
 Jesus I come to Thee

Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
 Out of my sin and into Thyself
 Jesus I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss
 Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
 Jesus I come to Thee

Out of earths sorrows into Thy balm
Out of lifes storms and into Thy calm
 Out of distress into jubilant psalm
 Jesus I come to Thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride
 Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide
 Jesus I come to Thee

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever on wings like a dove
 Jesus I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
 Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
 Jesus I come to Thee

Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
 Ever Thy glorious face to behold
 Jesus I come to Thee

Graves Into Gardens

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough

Then You came along and put me back together
and every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus

Oh, there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord, there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws Lord, You've seen 'em all
and You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountains is the God of the
valley. There's not a place Your mercy and grace
won't find me again

[Repeat Chorus]

Bridge

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

You turn graves into garden
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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May 5th Congregational Meeting immediately following our worship service. We will be voting on delegates to the ECC Annual Meeting and voting on Deacon of Facilities.

ALPHA Course, Wednesday April 24th “How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?” Join us at 6:30pm

Level Up is a deep dive into the amazing, puzzling, and mysterious details that lay behind the Bible. We will explore your questions, like “Why is there a talking snake in the Garden of Eden?”, “Is there behind the scenes info about the Nephilim?”, “How did the Bible become the Bible?”, and many more. Join us Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm starting May 1st. Childcare provided.

“Better Together” A Membership and Inquirers Class will be offered for those interested sometime in May. If you are interested, please call the church office. We will set dates that will work for everyone interested.

Young Adult Hang Out April 28th We will meet at the 815 Escape Room at 4:00. Pizza after at the church. \$15 Please RSVP to Ky or the church office by April 24th.

Youth News - Wednesday Night Activities: Only one more Wednesday night! Our last night of children and youth programming will be on Wednesday, April 24. Make sure to join us for a fun night as we celebrate the previous year together!

***Summer Park**

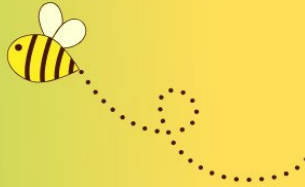
Registration for the Summer Park program is now open! Spread the word to your family and friends. Park is open to all students that will be entering 1st-6th grades in the fall.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 2, 2024 ~ 6:30am to 7:45am
Continental Breakfast



National Day of Prayer
May 2nd Once again, First Covenant will be hosting a National Day of Prayer breakfast gathering. Please join us at 6:30am for breakfast. At 6:45am Community Leaders will be praying for our city. The morning will conclude at 7:45am. All are welcome.



SPRING CLEAN-UP

April 27, 2024

Clean up the Creek at First Covenant Church

- Meet at Psaltis Chiropractic, 4202 Maray Drive, 8:30am for a quick breakfast, and where KNIB will provide trash bags, tongs, and safety vests.
- Bring work gloves, wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.
- Clean the creek at FCC, 9:00 am - Noon.



Clean up the Creek at FCC is in coordination with the Miracle Mile Rockford 20th Neighborhood Clean-up Day

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WEEK OF APRIL 14th

Today 9:00am: Sunday School & LifeTime Hour
10:15am: Sunday *Morning* Worship Service in the Chapel
Mon 7:15am: Walking Club
Tue 7:15pm: Choir Practice
Wed 7:15am: Walking Club
6:30pm: Wednesday night youth activities, Alpha Study
Sun 9:00am: Sunday School/ LifeTime Class
10:15am: Sunday Morning Worship Service, Jenny Maraglia will be our guest worship leader

There is a drop box in the narthex to leave your offering. Another option is to give online at firstcovrockford.org, click on the *Give Online* button or use the QR code below.

Birthday Cards for Alla! Pastor Igors wife, Alla, will be celebrating her birthday in May. Lou and Sue will be visiting her in Poland around her birthday and would love to shower Alla with birthday cards from our church family. Cards are due TODAY! Please, no gifts, unless they can fit in the card. There are some cards for you to use in the Narthex if you would like! See Lou, Sue, or Maren if you have any questions.

BUNCO NIGHT has been rescheduled for a later date this summer. Stay tuned for updates!

Rummage Sale Saturday, May 11th 9am-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Donation drop off May 10th from 2pm-7pm at church. This fundraiser will help the Bush family with adoption fees. More information at the kiosks in the Narthex.

Food Pantry Needs for April: Canned Tuna, Crackers, Soup, Vegetables, Peanut Butter, and Jelly. You may bring your donations Sunday mornings or anytime during office hours.

A Memorial Service for Connie Fry will be held in the First Covenant Chapel on Friday, April 26th at 2:00pm.

