

# 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

*Psalms 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

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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 Maragia 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](http://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 11<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Donation drop off May 10<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.*



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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 24<sup>th</sup> “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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup>-

# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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

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**National Day of Prayer**  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## 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

## **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.

## **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

## 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 mountain  
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