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Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church!

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning.

Thank you for joining us and may you experience

God's blessing in our worship.

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## The Lord's Day August 13, 2017

### ◆Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-3

Leader: Oh come let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

### ◆Prayer for God's Blessing

◆Hymn of Adoration: #53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

### Call to Confession: Colossians 3:5-10

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

### Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

◆Hymn of Praise: #465 "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

### ◆Our Scriptural Profession of Faith: 1 John 1:1-3

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

### Pastoral Prayer

### Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Hymn of Preparation: #94 "How Firm a Foundation"

### ◆Scripture

~ Old Testament: Zechariah 9:9-12

~ New Testament: Ephesians 2:11-21

~ New Testament: Mark 5:21-43 (sermon text)

Sermon: "Do Not Fear, Jesus is the Son of God"

#### Outline:

1. A Desperate Father Finding Compassion vv. 21-24

2. A Weak Faith Growing Strong vv. 24-34

3. A Strong Enemy Being Defeated vv. 35-43

◆Hymn of Response: #402 "Abide With Me: Fast Falls the Eventide"

### ◆Benediction

◆Doxology: #735 "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen

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◆Please stand if you are able

**Greeter this week:** *Marie Stults*  
**Greeter next week:** *Michael Frank*  
**Piano:** *Mary Beth Lewis*  
**Nursery:** *Rosemary Lewis*  
**Nursery next week:** *Beth Fink*  
**Flowers for August:** *Jeff & Beth Fink*



**We welcome Pastor Eric Andrade** to lead our worship service this morning. He and his wife Viviane have 2 children and live in Grand Rapids. For the past year Eric has been Director of Community Outreach at 7th Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. Born and raised in Brazil, Eric and his wife served as missionaries in South America (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil (many places, including in the jungle of Amazonas), Peru, Colombia, and Venezuela) and Africa (Mozambique and South Africa) for roughly ten years. He received his undergraduate education from the Bible Institute of South Africa. Later he acquired a M.Div. degree from Westminster Seminary in California. He is also continuing his educational pursuits with a Th.M. program at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids.

**The Lord's Supper...** will be celebrated next Sunday. In preparation for the Communion service, ask the Lord to prepare your heart so as to examine yourself and to live in faith a life of obedience.



**Ministry Opportunity...** On the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the summer months, our church will have a table at the Brighton Farmer's Market from 8am-1pm. We need 2-4 people to pass out pamphlets and share information about our church. We are also looking for face painters... amateurs are welcome!

There is a sign-up sheet on the Information table. For more information, please see George Oliver or Brian Wierzgac.

**"Annual Lansing Lugnuts" game** is Friday, August 18th, at 7:05pm. This is also "Christian Family Night" at the stadium and features a fireworks show after the game. Please see Frank Peters for your tickets. Checks should be made to church and given to Jeff Fink.

#### Upcoming Events

Fri, August 18 ~ Annual Lugnuts game, "Christian Family Night" 7pm  
 Sun, August 20 ~ Lord's Supper  
 Sat, August 26 ~ Brighton Farmer's Market Ministry, 8am-1pm  
 Sat, September 9 ~ Brighton Farmer's Market Ministry, 8am-1pm



**Living Hope Presbyterian Church is inviting all Youth of our Presbytery** to a Youth Retreat on August 25-26, here in beautiful Beamsville, Ontario. All those entering grade 9 and up are welcome to come and join the fun. Registration is from 4-5 pm on August 25th. It will be held at Great Lakes Christian High School, 4875 King Street, in Beamsville. The theme for this Retreat will be "**Daniel: Courage in a Hostile Land,**" with Pastor Doug Bylsma leading in 3 sessions on that topic. Cost for the event will be \$20 per participant (\$15 American, note the great deal here for Americans!!). Details and a brochure will be coming shortly.

**New Horizons magazine...** Copies of this month's *New Horizons* magazine are on the Information table. Please feel free to take extra copies to pass out among family, friends, co-workers, etc. If you are a member of Covenant Church, you can also subscribe to *New Horizons* at the OPC.org website.



**Fellowship time...** During the summer months we have more time for fellowship with one another after the worship service. All members and regular attendees are encouraged to participate in bringing refreshments for the fellowship time. You may bring homemade or store bought cookies, brownies, muffins, bread, fresh vegetables, etc. **Please Note: Do Not bring any snacks with tree nuts!** Please be respectful and sensitive to those in our midst who have severe food allergies. Bring your snacks on/in a serving dish or container.

#### August Birthdays

Jeff Fink ~ 8/14  
 Kathy De Maar ~ 8/18  
 Noah Woods ~ 8/26  
 Imogene Soma ~ 8/30

#### August Wedding Anniversaries

Norm & Lori Vandenberg ~ 8/13