



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Hospitality • Faith • Compassion

Covenant Community Church
come as you are

Covenant Denomination Logo



The unique character of the Covenant is expressed in the design of the logo – people united in Christ, people serving people in God’s name, and people bringing people to Christ. The basis of the design is symbolic of four people facing north, south, east, and west. Note that each one’s arms are outstretched, indicating the church’s outreach in mission and service to the world. The four are part of the whole, yet their hands do not touch, symbolizing their unity in the freedom and evangelical warmth that characterizes the Covenant. The geometric arrangement of the four figures results in a cross-like pattern, representative of the center of our faith. The center circle symbolizes the unity and the bond of fellowship which we call “the Covenant.”



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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 2018

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

People: That it is not we who chose Christ, but Christ who chose us.

Leader: That we are not here because of our goodness

People: but because of Christ's grace.

Leader: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

People: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

Leader: That we have not come to be entertained

People: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

*Opening Hymn #685

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

*Hymn #378

Lord Jesus, Fill My Days

*Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

*Scripture Lesson

Mark 12:28-34

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(Children dismissed for Children's Worship)

Sermon

What Matter's Most?

Interlude

We Respond

Prayers of the People

Mission Moment

Wayne Border

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,

And his righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto you,

Allelu, alleluia.

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent Into the World

*Hymn #469

How Can I Keep from Singing?

*Benediction

*Response

(our tradition is to face and bless each other as we sing)

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make his face to shine upon you

and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,

And give you, give you, give you peace.

Leader:

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Denotes all who are able, please stand

Helping Us to Worship

Ministers to the World:

The Congregation

Minister to the Congregation:

Rev. Jeannette Conner

Music Leader:

Peter Olson

Greeter:

Jamie Wimble

Children's Worship:

Isaak Olson

Church Cleaners:

Wayne and Diane Border

Announcements

- **TODAY--Potluck Picnic:** After worship we will have an opportunity to spend time with our friends Ken and Donna Nitchie. They moved to Virginia a few months ago and will be in Vermont for a visit. It is always a great to enjoy food and fellowship together. Hope you are able to join us!
- **Sr. Meals at Covenant Community Church, August 13, 11:00-1:00:** If you would like to help, talk with Mary Sylver or Marcia Morrell.
- **Sign Up Sheet:** With Summer finally here, the grass at church needs to be mowed. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you for your help. Questions, see Wayne Border or Doug Morrell.
- **Food Shelf--Mark your calendars please. Covenant Community Church is responsible for providing coverage for the August Food Shelf Set Up & Distribution.** Contributions can be brought in and left in the red shopping cart. Monetary donations can also be made. Questions on how you can help and participate, contact Bob Bates:
 - **Set Up, Thursday, August 16, 6:00PM** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Route 15, Jericho, VT
 - **Distribution, Saturday, August 18, 8:30-11:30AM** at Good Shepherd
- **Town Meadows Sr. Housing BBQ, Wednesday, September 12, 5:30PM:** Set up will begin around 5:00PM. All are invited to attend and enjoy a meal with our friends from Town Meadows. Look for sign up sheet and details on the bulletin board in the Narthex, outside of the kitchen. Questions, talk with Don Turner.

Welcome!

Greetings! And a warm welcome to you!

We are glad to have you here—we are better together.

If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book at the entrance, and complete a visitor's card

Please join us for coffee or tea after worship. We would like to get to know you.

Child care (infant through pre-K) is provided during the worship service.

We ask that you please pick up your child promptly after church.

This Week at Covenant Community Church

Sunday, August 12th

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Picnic Potluck following worship, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, August 13th

Senior Meals at Covenant Community Church, 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 16th

Food Shelf Set Up, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 18th

Food Shelf Distribution, 9:00 a.m.

If you have announcements, prayer requests or other special needs contact Pastor Jeannette Conver, 879-4313 (church) or Diane Border, church secretary (church 879-4313).

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 19th

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 26th

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Lord's Prayer

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.

Mark 12:28-34 New Living Translation (NLT)

²⁸ One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. ³⁰ And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' ³¹ The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

³² The teacher of religious law replied, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other.

³³ And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law."

³⁴ Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Sunday Worship—August 19, 2018

Greeter: Karen Zidovsky
Church Cleaners: Ethan, Julie Smith & Murray Thompson
(August 13-26)