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*Hearing the Voices of People Long Silenced:*  
**WOMEN of GENESIS**

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Sunday, September 25  
9:00am - 11:00am

*Hagar:  
The Woman Who Named God*



*Welcome to Worship*  
Sunday, September 25, 2022  
9:00am & 11:00am Worship

“Ultimately, Hagar escapes her slaveholders and abusers and receives her inheritance from God, and God fulfills all of God’s promises to her.”

From *Womanish Midrash* by Wil Gafney

 PRELUDE

(9:00) “Psalm 62” by Stuart Townend & Aaron Keys, arr. Welch  
New Day Ensemble; Ben Welch, leading  
(11:00) “Adagio” by Josef Hector Fiocco  
Gary Lewis, organist

 WELCOME

Charlie Berthoud

 MUSIC

(9:00) “Help Us Be Your Hands” by Jacob Nault  
(11:00) #11 “Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

 CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Clara Thompson

Prayer of Confession

The Good News of the Gospel

Gloria Patri

#608 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Passing of the Peace

*Please greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ. Also, please sign and pass the black friendship pad found in the pew rack.*

 CHILDREN’S TIME

Marge Resan

*After Children’s Time (9:00 only), children 3 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to attend Kaleidoscope Kids class in C208. See page 6 for more information.*

 THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

 LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Jo Wiersema

Scripture: Genesis 16:7-13

Sermon: “The Woman Who Named God”



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**



## DEDICATION OF MERCY MATS



## OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD

*Offerings can be dropped in the offering lectern located in the sanctuary’s vestibule as you exit. You can also give through our website or by contacting the church office. QR code on back cover of bulletin.*

Special Music

(9:00) “Stars” by John Cooper  
(11:00) “Sing to the Lord a New Song”  
by Kinley Lange & Kathryn Sparks  
Covenant Chancel Choir



## JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS



## MUSIC

(9:00) “I Will Follow” by Chris Tomlin & Reuben Morgan, arr. Welch  
(11:00) #13 “The Mighty God with Power Speaks”



## BLESSING



## POSTLUDE

(9:00) “Lord of Justice” by Larry Olson, arr. Welch  
(11:00) Fugue in G minor (“Great”) BWV 542 by J.S. Bach



*Thank you for joining us!*

If you are a visitor today, please visit our Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary in the gathering area. You can pick up more information about the church and chat with a member. If you have questions, please contact the church office!

Email: [info@covenantmadison.org](mailto:info@covenantmadison.org) | Phone: (608) 233-6297

### Worship

**New Day Worship (9:00am)**

A more casual piano-led service

**Traditional Worship (11:00am)**

A more traditional organ-led service frequently with choir

*Worship services are offered in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube channel:*

*[youtube.com/c/CovenantPresbyterianChurch](https://youtube.com/c/CovenantPresbyterianChurch).*

### Fellowship Hour

**10:00-10:45am**

Come join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in Bradfield Hall.

Note: The refreshments will be available until 10:45am only.

### Nursery

**Hours: 8:45am-12:15pm**

Our professionally staffed nursery is available for children 3 years old and below.

Follow the frogs from the Welcome Center to the nursery located in room A106.

## **Next Sunday's Worship**

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

**Holy Communion | World Communion Sunday | Native American Drum Circle**

Preaching: Charlie Berthoud | Sermon: "What Happened to the Jebusites?"

Text: Genesis 15:17-21



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

### Today's Flowers

*Today's flowers are provided by the Schally/Rebholz family in honor of love and family.*

### General Announcements

#### About Mercy Mats

We are dedicating Mercy Mats during worship today. Mercy Mats are made from plastic bags and shared with homeless people for comfort. We share the mats with our mission partners-- Friends of State Street and Porchlight. Each mat is made from over 700 bags, which are cut to make "plarn" (plastic yarn). A group gathers on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 1:30-3:00pm**. Contact Laurie Jones or Nancy McCulley for more info. The process is an easy one to learn and newcomers are always welcome! We are glad to reuse the plastic bags and to make life a little easier for people without good housing.

#### Spiritual Stroll & Apple Orchard - TODAY at 1:30pm

Join us for a special - and *sweet* - Spiritual Stroll. The stroll is at Donald County Park in Mt. Horeb and we're meeting a half hour earlier than normal (note time change!). The meeting spot is Pop's Knoll, which has a parking lot on Hwy 92 between Town Hall Rd and Sutter Drive. After our stroll, we will head over to Sutter's Ridge Farm **3:00pm** for some donuts and cider (provided). What a perfect way to get in the Fall spirit! Sutter's Ridge Farm is located at 2074 Sutter Dr in Mt. Horeb. These Spiritual Strolls are part of a Covenant program called CONNECT, a program of events sponsored by the deacons of Covenant Presbyterian Church with the intention of fostering connection within the congregation and community.

#### Inquirer's Class - TODAY!

Come join us today to learn more about Covenant and the possibility of becoming a member! Topics to be discussed: what it means to be a Christian, Covenant programs/activities, and membership. We'll also have time for questions and sharing our faith journeys. We'll meet **today, Oct. 2, and Oct. 9, from 10:00-10:45am** in the Lounge, just outside the sanctuary. Grab some coffee and come join us!



## Small Groups - Money Matters

Are you interested in connecting with good people, growing in faith, and having great conversations? If so, consider a short-term small group. **A 6-week cycle of groups begins today** with a focus on money, choices, and priorities. Sign up at [covenantmadison.org](http://covenantmadison.org) or in the gathering space! Groups meet at various times through the week, some via zoom and most in person.

## Glenn Stephens Opportunities

**Apples for Glenn Stephens:** Healthy Snacks are back! Covenant's Mission Committee provides fresh fruit for the students at Glenn Stephens Elementary School once a month. If you would like to help, please bring a bag of apples to church on **Sunday, October 2** to the collection point set up in the gathering space.

**School Supply Drive:** This is an easy way to support Glenn Stephens! Bring supplies to church on Sundays. Visit [covenantmadison.org/missions](http://covenantmadison.org/missions) for a full list of supplies.

**Pen Pals:** Read more about the Pen Pal program in the September Caravan. If interested in becoming a pen pal, email Ann at [afathas@mac.com](mailto:afathas@mac.com).

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## Adult Education

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Join us for Adult Ed **today at 10:00am** in Bradfield and via Zoom. Today will be our Genesis kick-off. This Fall, we will embark on a 6-week series to learn more about Genesis. Class dates are: Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, and Nov. 20. We will cover the timeline of the book, key themes, stories, and characters. Classes will blend foundational information with historical context and challenge us to think about stories from a variety of perspectives. Prior knowledge of Genesis is not needed. Please bring a Bible!

All Adult Education classes take place in Bradfield Hall and are available via Zoom at [us02web.zoom.us/j/89540028471](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89540028471). Please visit [covenantmadison.org/adult](http://covenantmadison.org/adult) for more info.

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## Children's Ministries

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**Kaleidoscope Kids** (3 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) meets **today during worship** immediately following Children's Time **at 9:00 worship only**. Children can follow teachers to room C208 at this time. Kaleidoscope Kids is a worship education class for children that teaches them about the parts of a worship service.

**Sunday School** classes meet **today from 10:00-10:55am**. 3 years old through 1<sup>st</sup> grade are in room C207, and 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade are in room C208.

**Families!** Be sure to grab the **Family Worship Bags** and a **Children's Bible** from the gathering space before heading into worship.

Visit [covenantmadison.org/children](https://covenantmadison.org/children) for more info on Children's Ministries or contact Jo Wiersema at [jwiersema@covenantmadison.org](mailto:jwiersema@covenantmadison.org) with questions.

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## Youth Connection

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Middle School and High School youth, come join Jo and Bailey, and your friends for fun and fellowship! **MSYC** meets **from 4:30-5:30pm**, and **HSYC** **from 6-7:30pm**.

Visit [covenantmadison.org/youth](https://covenantmadison.org/youth) for more info on Youth Connection. Questions? Contact Jo at [jwiersema@covenantmadison.org](mailto:jwiersema@covenantmadison.org) or Bailey at [bgreen@covenantmadison.org](mailto:bgreen@covenantmadison.org).

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## Upcoming Events

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### **RAF Book Study - Thursdays, October 6 - November 10, 7:00-8:00pm**

Racists Anonymous Fellowship has a new book study coming up on the book *How the Word Is Passed* by Clint Smith. This study lasts 6 weeks and is **on Zoom only**. Contact Jennifer Morgan at [jbmorgan@me.com](mailto:jbmorgan@me.com) to get the link! For more info on RAF, visit [covenantmadison.org/raf](https://covenantmadison.org/raf).

### **CONNECT: UW Men's Soccer Tailgate & Game - Friday, October 7, 5:00pm**

Join us for a Covenant tailgate before the 7pm UW Men's Big Ten Soccer game against Michigan! For the tailgate, bring a snack to share and your own beverages. We will provide games, tables and service ware, you provide the fun! A great event for ALL ages! And it is FREE - there is no entrance fee for the game or parking. Further details to come!

These are just events coming up in the next couple of weeks. For a full schedule of events, visit [covenantmadison.org](https://covenantmadison.org).

## Covenant Staff and Officers

<p><b>Charlie Berthoud</b>, Senior Pastor  <b>Clara Thompson</b>, Parish Associate  <b>Melissa Hinz</b>, Minister of Music &amp; Pastoral Care  <b>Jo Wiersema</b>, Ministry Associate for Children, Youth &amp; Mission  <b>Ben Welch</b>, Contemporary Music Coordinator  <b>Arlene Kennedy</b>, Children’s Music Director  <b>Doug McNeel</b>, Organist  <b>Bailey Green</b>, Church Administrator  <b>Janet Cresson</b>, Financial Coordinator  <b>Derek Handley</b>, Communications Coordinator  <b>Richard Griffin</b>, Custodian  <b>Vicki Alexander</b>, Nursery Supervisor  <b>Eileen Durand</b>, Nursery Assistant  <b>Jacob Larget and Ben Tan</b>, Livestream Operators  <b>Mary Kieta</b>, Sunday Host</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEACONS</b></p> <p><i>Class of 2022</i>  Michael Carlson  Frankie Leisering  Drew Simon</p> <p><i>Class of 2023</i>  Katie Herringa  Kim Huff  Judy Von Bergen  Ginny Yuska</p> <p><i>Class of 2024</i>  Margie Coons  Emily Lanphear  Jess Salmonowicz  Steve Resan  Chris Turner</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ELDERS/SESSION</b></p> <p><i>Class of 2022</i>  John Guequierre  Doug Rohn  Julie Sadowsky</p> <p><i>Class of 2023</i>  Eric Girard  Amy Poland  Faith Windsor-Leonard</p> <p><i>Class of 2024</i>  Monica Mark  Jennifer Morgan  Mark Soderberg</p> <p>Clerk of Session  Laurie Jones</p>
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### COVID SAFETY

Masks are recommended when in the building. Please continue to sing softly to minimize germ spread. Socially distanced seating sections (the left side of the sanctuary and the balcony), hand sanitizer, and masks are available. Visit our website for more information.

### COVENANT IS A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH

In accepting the PC(USA)’s Matthew 25 invitation, we commit ourselves to the work of dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty, and building congregational vitality. In everything we do – worship, education, mission, fellowship – we think about how we love God through loving our neighbor.



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