

**Covenant United Methodist Church**

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Virtual and Indoor Worship Bulletin**

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

**Call to Worship**

O God, you are righteous

**Transform us by your Word!**

Your judgments are upright

**Transform us by your Word!**

Your precepts are unforgettable

**Transform us by your Word!**

Give us understanding and we will live

**Re-form us, reconcile us,  
Transform us by your Word!**

*written by LT Leticia Rouser*

**Opening Prayer**

**O Still Speaking God, throughout history and the wide world you have gathered people around your Word to instruct and inspire. We give thanks for all who have received your vision and shaped diverse and faithful communities to follow in your Way. Continue to open that vision to us, that we may become transformed by the renewing of your Word in our hearts. Enable us to grow in love and understanding for each other. Create in us, O God, clean hearts and minds; Let us join with you in your suffering and your triumph. We desire to be your children and we claim these blessings in your name. Amen.**

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Opening Hymn

This is My Father's World  
Covenant Virtual Choir

Time with Children

Pastor Dawn

Prayer for Illumination:

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us this day. Amen.**

Scripture

Proverbs 2: 1-6

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

I Believe

Mark Miller

Quartet: Laurie Augustino, Deanna Duff, Ron Davison, Paul Rabenhorst

Sermon

“Understanding Scripture & The Wesleyan Quadrilateral”

Pastor Dawn

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Liturgy of Farewell for Bill Goris

Pastor: The church is a family.....  
Together we have lived.

**Congregation: We feel sorrow in your leaving,  
yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new phase of your life.  
We will miss your love and support,  
yet we know you will add much to the lives101  
of those who will be your new church family,  
as you have added much to our live.  
We will pray for you and for the whole family of God.**

Closing Hymn

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Benediction

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