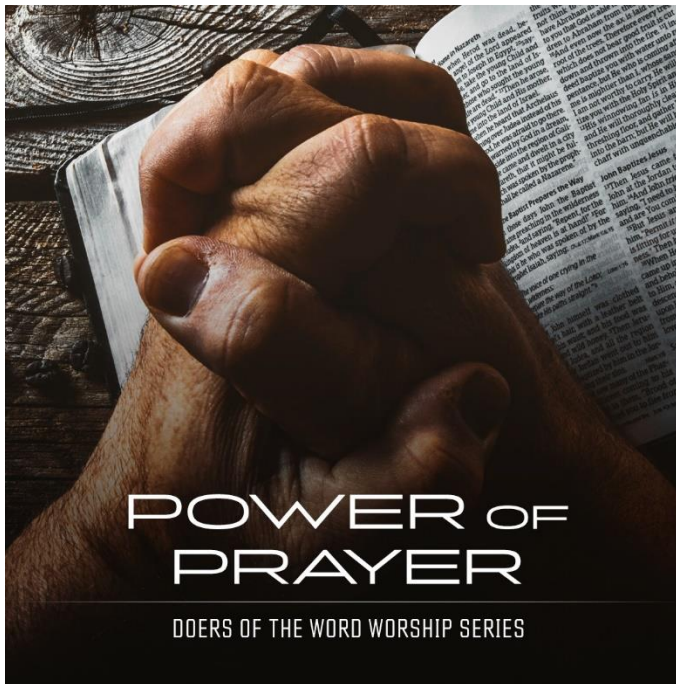


# Covenant United Methodist Church

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Virtual and Indoor Worship Bulletin



Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

## Call to Worship

Are any among you suffering?

**Then let us pray.**

Are any cheerful?

**Then let us sing songs of praise.**

Are any among you sick?

**Then let us turn to each other for God's healing touch.**

The prayer of faith will save us

**And God will lift us up.**

*Written by Katherine Hawker. Posted on Liturgies Outside*

### **Prayer of Confession**

Words of introduction spoken by the liturgist: As we take this journey through James, and our Doers of the Word sermon series, we have made space to speak words of confession... words that James encourages in our scripture today. Let us join our voices as we open our souls to that tender Heart who longs to forgive us, praying,

**When sin and death hover around us, like famished vultures,  
you fill us with new strength so they cannot feed on us;  
when our bitterness clamps tight around our hearts with its steel-like teeth,  
you pry us loose with your scarred hands so we might walk in faith with you;  
when we stack our hurts one on top of the another, like kindling wood,  
ready to set the match of our anger to the pile,  
you pour your spirit of forgiveness upon them, until they are soaked so thoroughly,  
nothing can ignite them.**

**Our help, our hope, our life, our peace are truly found in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen!**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

The good news is this:

God loves the world so much as to make it a fit place to live;

God loves us so much as to reshape us into people of faith.

**Like a cup of cold water, forgiveness revives us, restores us, gives us new life.**

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

(~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies.**)

Opening Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
Covenant Virtual Choir

Scripture

James 5: 13-20

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Time with Children

Pastor Dawn

Special Music

And Can It Be

Campbell/Wesley/Martin

Virtual Choir

Sermon

“The Power of Prayer”

Pastor Dawn

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Closing Hymn

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus  
Virtual Choir

Benediction

Postlude

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