

New Covenant Community



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What Did Jesus Look Like?
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Gathering Music
By David Hirst



Welcome & Announcements

Moment of Social Concern

Time of Centering

Words of Gathering

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: As a community of faith gathered once again in worship

All: We recognize that our nature is to seek answers to questions.

One: When unanswerable questions arise

All: We tend to create answers to reduce the mystery.

One: This occurs through the assertion of our assumptions,

All: Which are frequently based on our own bias.

One: As we come together during this sacred hour of fellowship

All: May we embrace the mystery while being sustained in faith.

Covenant Statement

Our purpose is to continue in our time what Jesus began in his – working for the healing of our world as an inclusive, compassionate, joyful community.

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Passing of the Peace



Reading

1 Samuel 16:7 NSRV

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision
#595



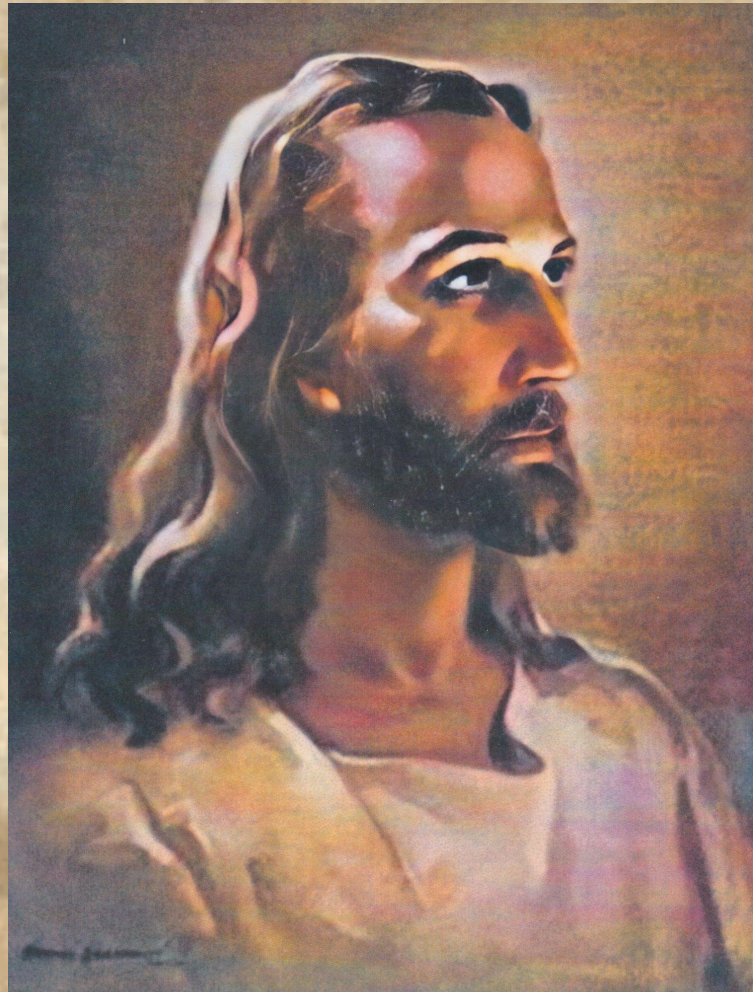


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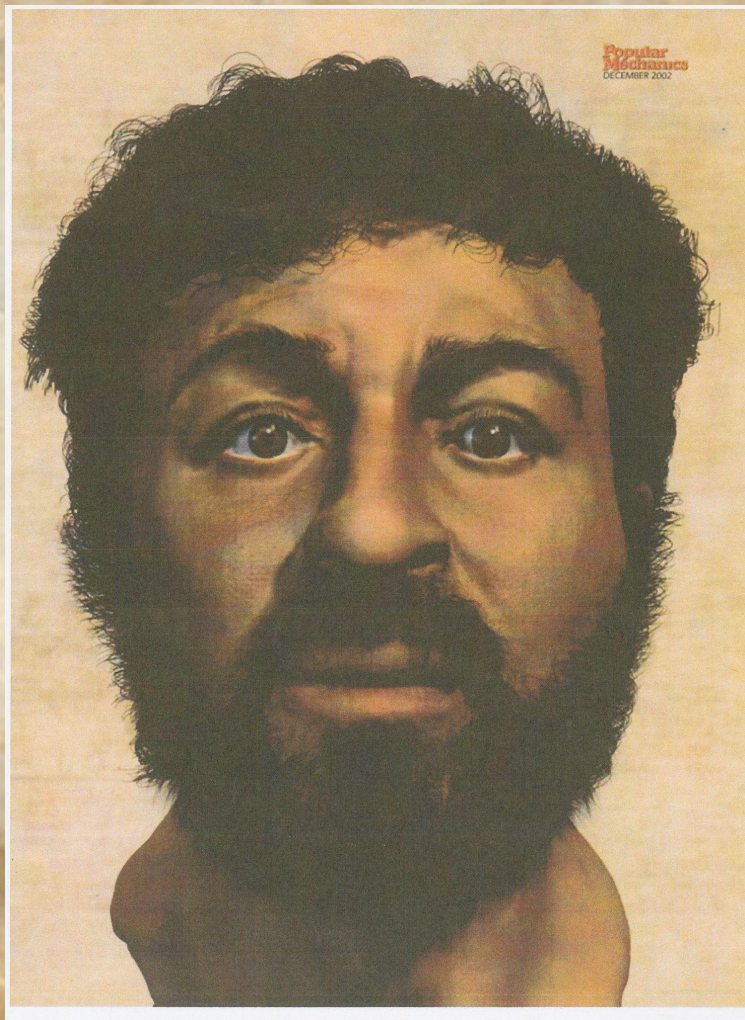
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Reflection

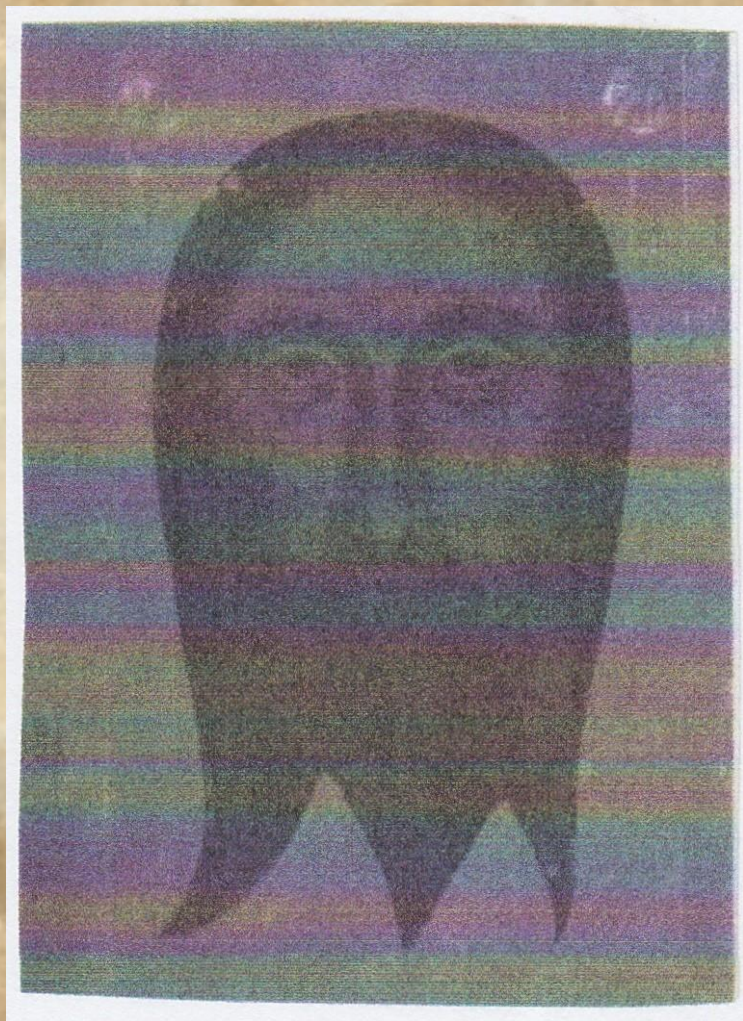
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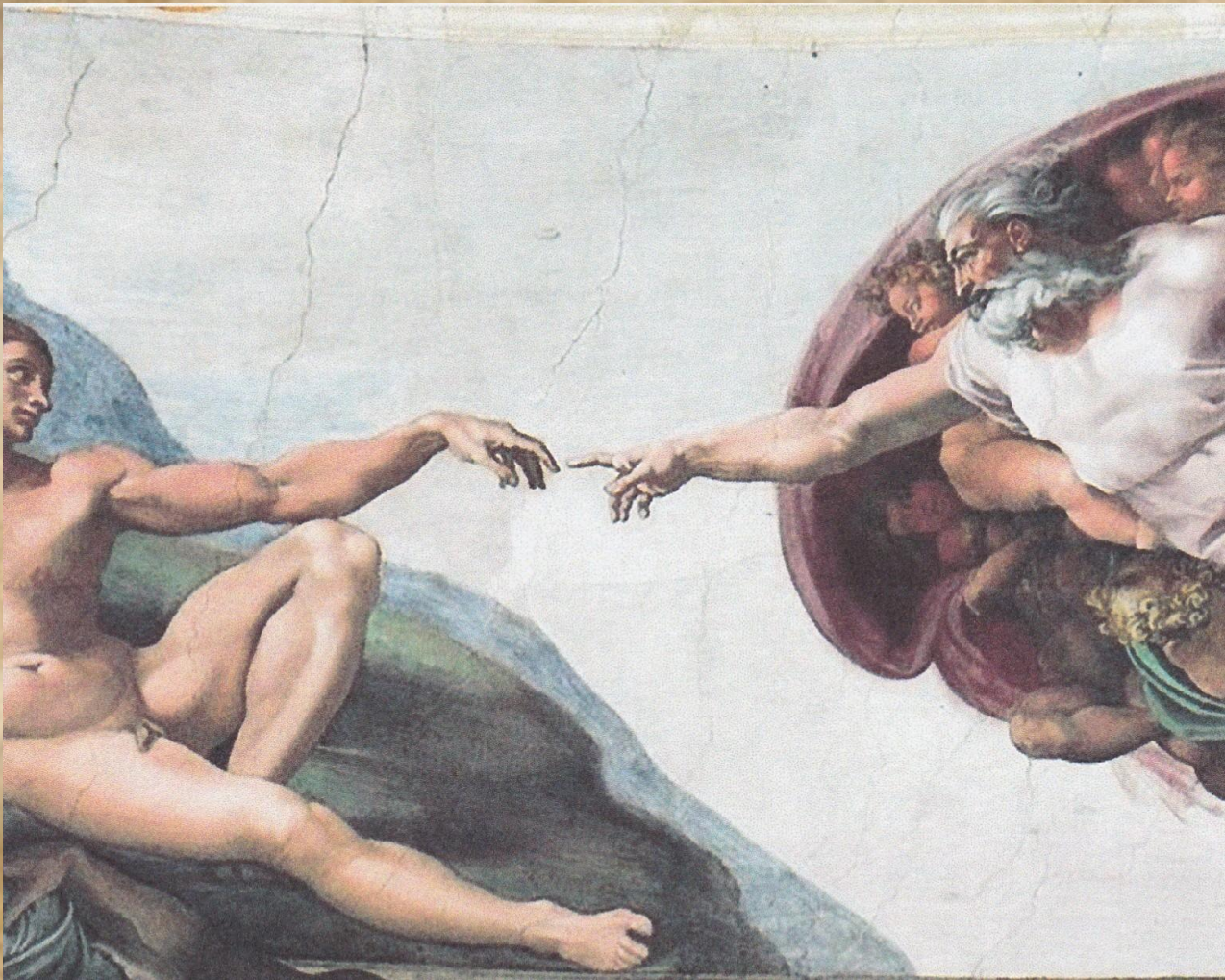


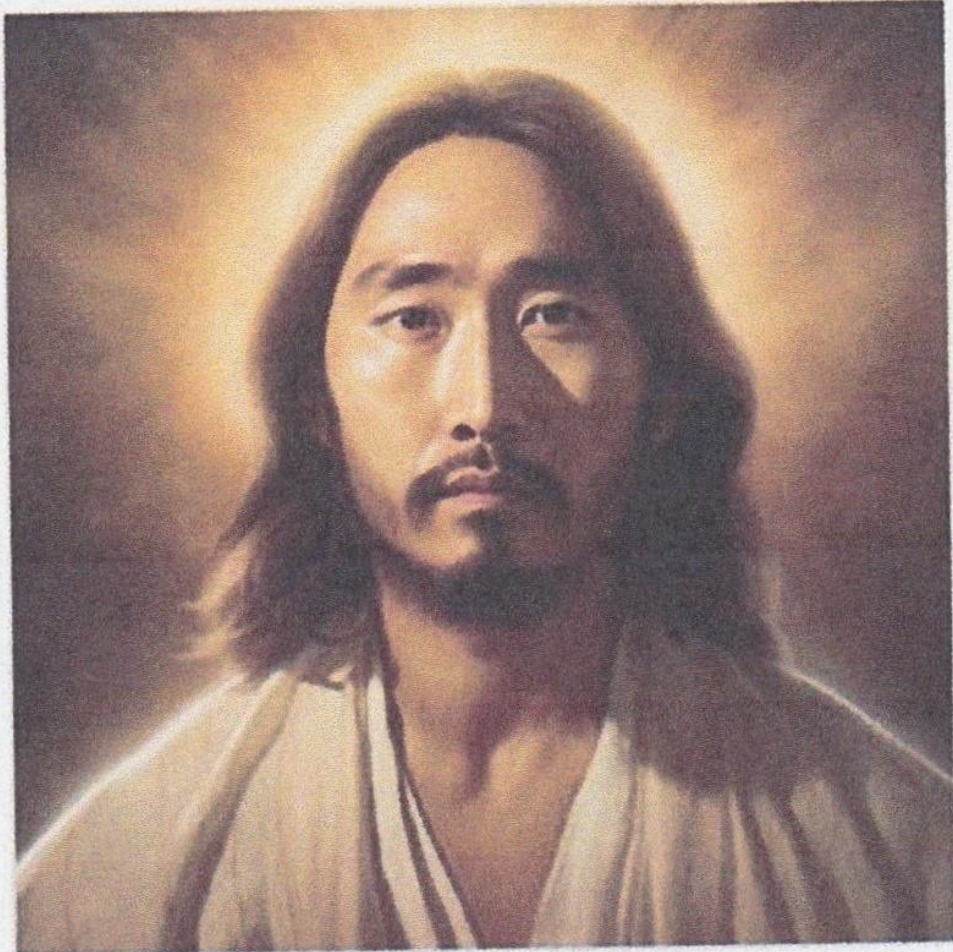
6th century - from Roman catacombs

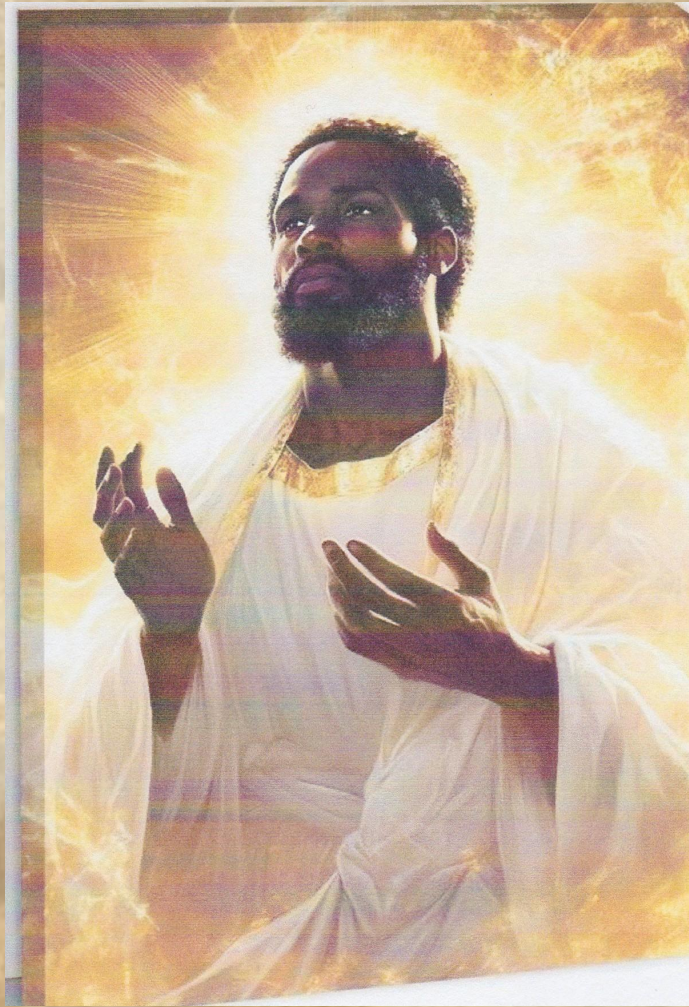




From 4th century A.D. ~ in Roman catacomb
Found in Ruined church in southern Israel. Jesus shown with beard
and shorter, curly hair, and wearing a long robe.







HYMN

**Oh, God Our Help in
Ages Past
#67**



**JOYS AND CONCERNS
&
PRAYER**

Sharing the Gifts of the

Table

One: It is now time for our communion,
A time of sharing in the love of God, the kinship of
Jesus, and the connectedness of Beloved
Community. This communion represents belonging in
our faith,

All: Belonging to God and to each other.

One: Let us now receive communion.

Communion Music

Be Thou My Vision

Communion

One: With this communion we commit ourselves to be the continuance of Jesus' spirit and his ministry, symbolizing a New Covenant.

All: We are a community grounded in this New Covenant.

One: Let us now share in this sacred meal.

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Blessing

Peace Song

GO NOW IN PEACE
GO NOW IN PEACE
MAY THE LOVE OF GOD
SURROUND YOU
EVERYWHERE, EVERYWHERE
YOU MAY GO



Postlude

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The logo consists of a circle divided into three segments: a dark green segment at the top, a teal segment at the bottom, and a blue segment on the right. A white cross is positioned in the center of the circle, with its arms extending towards the top and right segments.