

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

November 4, 2018

...that in everything he might be preeminent.

—Colossians 1:18

WELCOME TO CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

We are glad you are here to worship the living God! This worship folder is intended to walk you through the service, as well as provide you with devotional material to take home. On page 11 are several introductory paragraphs on why we worship the way we do. You may find these helpful as you prepare your hearts for worship.

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We naturally want to take things into our own hands or to pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps. Thankfully, the Lord intervenes, and we are not left to our own devices. Christ rescues us from our own designs. By his precious blood he rescues us from danger. He gently bears us and rescues us from all our foes. He rescues sinners. These are the biblical themes that are woven into today's service. May they be woven into our hearts as well.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Meditation—Psalm 18:17

He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me,
for they were too mighty for me.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalms 136:1–3, 23–26

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**All: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

Leader: And rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**All: He who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

All: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven (Psalm 103)

Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to His feet your
Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor, our fa - thers
Fa - ther like, He tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and

trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him, still the same for - ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hands He gent - ly bears us,
it is gone; But while mor - tals rise and per - ish,

who, like me, His praise should sing? Praise Him, praise Him,
slow to chide and swift to bless; Praise Him, praise Him,
res - cues us from all our foes; Praise Him, praise Him,
God en - dures un - chang - ing on. Praise Him, praise Him,

praise Him, praise Him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise Him, praise Him, glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
praise Him, praise Him, wide - ly as His mer - cy goes.
praise Him, praise Him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.

Text: Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyte 1834; Music: LAUDA ANIMA, JOHN GOSS, 1869

New Testament Reading—2 Timothy 4:6–18

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon. For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace

Congregational Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALL: O GOD, merciful Father, we praise thee in that thou hast heard us in the hour of distress, and art become our salvation. Thou art a God full of compassion, and plenteous in mercy. We are alive to praise thee this day, not for our worthiness, but because of thy great mercies. When we were in distress, thou didst help us; when trouble was hard upon us, and our strength failed, thine almighty arm was our defense. Accept our thanksgiving, and keep us ever mindful of thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Peril, Book of Common Prayer, Reformed Episcopal Church, 2003

Congregational Song—Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 And I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by — flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel — it, prone to — leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

(Parents, you may escort your pre-school aged children to Children's Bible Time (B-102) after the collection bag has passed your pew. Thank you.)

Offertory—Rejoice in God

Rejoice in God!

Let trumpets sound in witness to the world around, His faithfulness proclaim;
Who led his people by the hand and brought them to their promised land
That all on earth should understand the greatness of his name.

Rejoice in God,

The God of grace, and come with thanks before his face for all his tender care.
Whose mercy meets us in our need, whose word of life is life indeed,
On whom, in Christ, our spirits feed, who loves to answer prayer.

Rejoice in God

Whose only Son a fallen world's salvation won and broke the sinner's chain.
He came in love to seek and save when for us all his life he gave,
And then from cross and death and grave triumphant rose again.

Rejoice in God

And for him build a living temple, Spirit filled, of everlasting worth;
A church united, true and strong, where all who love the Lord belong,
And find in him their strength and song, the joy of all the earth.

Rejoice in God!

Your voices raise in honor, blessing, love and praise to his eternal throne;
That every heart, with one accord, and every tongue may tell abroad
The lovingkindness of the Lord, and make his glories known.

Pastoral Prayer

Preaching of the Word—1 Samuel 25 (p. 247-248)

DAVID RESCUED BY A WOMAN

Dr. James Newheiser, Jr.

(Space for sermon notes is on page 8.)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation, Fencing of the Table, and the Words of Institution

(Members, visitors and parents, please see p.11 for a note about Communion at Christ Covenant Church, as well as suggested prayers)

The Bread—Silent Prayer

The Cup—Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand-
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see,
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess-
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self, my only shame, my glory at the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane; Music: Frederick C. Maker

Special Offering

This month's special offering will go to the PCA Women's Love Offering.
(For more information, see the *Courier*.)

Congregational Song—Jesus Messiah

He became sin, who knew no sin that we might become his righteousness.
He humbled himself and carried the cross, love so amazing, love so amazing.*

*Jesus messiah, name above all names, blessed redeemer, Emmanuel,
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven, Jesus messiah, lord of all.

His body the bread, his blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn, love so amazing, love so amazing.*

All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you.
All the glory to you, God, the light of the world.
All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you.
All the glory to you, God, the light of the world.*

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Benediction

Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. James Newheiser Jr.; Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George;
Assisting Pastor: Rev. Derek Wells; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins;
Instrumental Director: Scott Van Patter; Christ Covenant Choir; Soloist, Lynn Adelman;
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SERMON NOTES

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 PM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 45:4-7

Leader: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

ALL: As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;
as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!

Leader: But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;
they shall be jubilant with joy!

ALL: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides
through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

Leader: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

ALL: God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners
to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

Congregational Hymn—#57 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Psalm of the Month—My Shepherd Will Supply My Need, Ps. 23



1. My___ shep- herd will sup- ply my need: Je - ho - vah is his name;___
2. When I walk through the shades of death thy pre-sence is my stay;___
3. The___ sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;___



In___ past - ures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.____
One word of___ thy sup - por - ting breath drives all my fears a - way.____
O___ may thy house be my a - bode, and___ all my work be praise.____



He brings my wand-'ring spir - it___ back when I for - sake his ways,___
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my ta - ble spread;___
There would I___ find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;___



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in___ paths of truth and grace.____
My cup with bless - ings ov - er - flows, thine oil a - noints my head.____
No more a___ strang - er, nor a___ guest, but___ like a child at home.____

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: RESIGNATION, The Southern Harmony, 1854.

Old Testament Reading—Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Pastoral Prayer, Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Preaching of the Word—James 1:27 (p. 1011)

PURE RELIGION—Rev. Dave Baxter

Congregational Sung Response—What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Benediction

Postlude

Assisting in worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Dave Baxter; Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George;

Assisting Pastor: Rev. Mike Miller; Organist: Pam Eash.

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SERMON NOTES

REGARDING COMMUNION AT CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

In the Presbyterian Church, children who are baptized are non-communicating members of the Church. As such, they are entitled to all the rights and privileges of pastoral care but not the Lord's Supper. When they reach the age of adolescence, they complete a communicants' class (confirmation class), are interviewed by the Elders, and then make a public profession of their faith. Only children who have been approved by the Session to take the Lord's Supper may do so. The Session would request that parents honor this practice and explain to their younger children the rationale for this practice. Our practice is rooted in 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 and the apostolic instruction about worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper. Those parents who have questions may want to consult with a pastor.

COMMUNION PRAYERS

Christ Covenant Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are actively trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, members in good standing in an evangelical church, and who are in proper relationship to other believers to take the Lord's Supper with us this day. If you are not able to receive Communion today, then we ask you to continue in a spirit of worship and to meditate on one of the following prayers.

PRAYER OF OBEDIENCE

Lord Jesus Christ, as a Christian who is trusting in You alone for eternal life, I pray for strength to obey Your great commission (Matthew 28:19-20). I purpose to be baptized, to join a Bible-preaching and Christ-honoring church, and to be active in worship and service in that church. Help me to reconcile with those whom I have wounded or those who have sinned against me. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TRUTH

Lord God, our Father in heaven, lead me to Your eternal and abiding truth found in Christ and His Word. Open my eyes to see those things of the Kingdom of God, spoken about in the sermon today. Give me understanding that leads to a life of faith and grace and a humble, honest and holy pursuit of Christ, for Christ's sake. Amen.

PRAYER OF FAITH

Lord Jesus Christ, I confess to you that I am a sinner in need of Your mercy and grace – much more sinful than I ever imagined before. But I also believe in Your love and grace, and I accept the truth that You have loved me from eternity – more than I can ever imagine now. Thank You for paying the penalty of my sins on Your cross and for paying that debt in full. I now turn from my sinful lifestyle in repentance. I trust in You for eternal life and no longer in my own good works, and I surrender my life to You. I receive You as my Lord and my Savior – Your life given for me, my life now given to You. I ask for the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit and for an assurance of salvation in Your grace. Amen.

The body of Christ Covenant meets in communities where people of all ages are welcomed and encouraged to engage through four distinct entry points: Sunday Worship, Congregational Communities, Covenant Groups, and Small Groups.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Services at 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Senior Adults Community

Community of senior adults ages 70+
Pastor Bruce Creswell

Young Seniors Community

Community of couples & individuals ages 60-70
Pastor Bernie Lawrence

Sojourners Community

Community of adults ages 45-59 who have college age/young adult children
Pastor Mike Miller

Student Families Community

Community of adults with middle & high school age children
Pastor Brian Peterson

Young Families Community

Community of newly married & young families with children up to age 12
Pastor Derek Wells

Young Professionals Community

Community of singles & young married couples
Pastor Dave Baxter

18/22 Generation / College Community

Community of college age adults
Campus Outreach Director Zach Fulginiti

Youth (Middle/High School) Community

Youth Ministries Pastor Stewart Neely
Middle School Director David Chambers

COVENANT GROUPS

Multi-generational & mixed-gender groups of 10-30 people.
Please contact Pastor Brian Peterson.

SMALL GROUPS

Gender-specific groups of 4-10 people. Please contact Teresa Caldwell for women's groups and Pastor Brian Peterson for men's groups.