

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

February 24, 2019

*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.

## IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

While the Lord does not promise perfect political systems, health systems, or infrastructure, etc., he does promise to build his church. Ultimately, the gospel will go forward until “all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.” Hallelujah!

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 a.m.

### Announcements and Greeting

### Scripture Meditation—Acts 9:31

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

### Prelude

### Call to Worship—Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**ALL: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the LORD, he is God!

**ALL: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**ALL: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

### Prayer of Invocation

### Congregational Psalm— #1 All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)

All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing  
The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with -  
O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -  
For why? the Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his  
 out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he  
 proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
 mer - cy is for ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Text: Psalm 100, William Kethe, 1561; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH

### Congregational Song of the Month—We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*Chorus*

We will feast in the house of Zi - on We will sing with our hearts re-stored.  
 He has done great things, we will say to - geth-er We will feast and weep no more  
 We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our  
 In the dark of night, be-fore the dawn, My soul, be not a -  
 Eve-ry vow we've bro - ken and be-trayed You are the Faith-ful  
 God. We are not con - sumed, by the flood  
 fraid, for the prom - ised morn - ing, oh how long?  
 one And from the gar - den to the grave  
 Up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.  
 Oh God, of Ja - cob, be my strength  
 Bind us to - geth - er, bring sha - lom.

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## Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 43:1–11

Leader: But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

**ALL: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.**

Leader: For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.

**ALL: Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.**

Leader: I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among them can declare this, and show us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, It is true.

**ALL: “You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.**

Leader: Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.

## Prayer of Confession of Sin

### Assurance of Grace—Isaiah 60:1–4

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

## 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—Here I Am, Lord

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.*

*All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save.*

*I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.*

*Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.*

*I have wept for love of them, they turn away.*

*I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.*

*I will speak my words to them, whom shall I send? [Refrain.]*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame.*

*I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.*

*Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied.*

*I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain.]*

## Pastoral Prayer

### Congregational Hymn—There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The third system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The fourth system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

There is a foun - tain filled with blood drawn from Em-man-uel's veins;  
Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its power,  
And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y stains.  
Till all the ran - somed church of God be - saved, to sin no more.  
Lose all their guilt - y stains, - lose all their guilt - y stains;  
Be - saved, to sin no more, - be saved, to sin - no - more;  
And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y stains.  
Till all the ran - somed church of God be - saved, to sin no more.

Text: William Cowper, 1771; Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830

## Congregational Song—Speak, O Lord. Vs. 3



Speak, O Lord, and re-new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your  
plans for us, truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will  
ech - o down through e - ter - ni-ty. And by grace we'll stand on your  
prom-is-es, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord,  
till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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## Prayer of Illumination

### Preaching of the Word—Acts 14:19–28 (p. 923)

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF MISSIONS?

Dr. Kevin DeYoung

# Congregational Hymn— #347 The Church's One Foundation, Vs. 1, 4, 5

The Church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord:  
The Church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,  
'Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,

She is His new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;  
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end:  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
though there be those that hate her and false sons in her pale,  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
A - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.  
and the great Church vic - tor - ious shall be the Church at rest.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1866; Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

## Benediction

## Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung;  
Assisting Pastor: Rev. Mike Miller; Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George;  
Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins; Instrumental Director: Scott Van Patter; Christ Covenant Choir  
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# SERMON NOTES

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship— Psalm 46, T.H. p. 802

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn— #309 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Old Testament Reading—1 Kings 19:9–18

Pastoral Prayer, Tithes and Offerings

Congregational Psalm of the Month—Lord, Protect Your People



Lord pro-tect your peo - ple, save our fool - ish\_\_ hearts.  
Don't the wick - ed\_\_ un - der-stand they must call on the Lord?  
Ev - ery-one has\_\_ turned a-side all have gone a - stray.



Look\_\_ down from hea - ven; we will not de - part!  
God is with the\_\_ right - eous; re - fuge of the\_\_ poor!  
None of us is\_\_ good, not one. Seek us, Lord, all our days!



Through Christ the Lord's sal - va - tion from Zi-on's hill has come;



And heals his chos - en na - tion; and leads the out - casts home.

Text and Music: Based on Psalm 14, Nathan C. George & Henry C. Haffner, 2012.

Preaching of the Word—Acts 28:30–31 (p. 938)

A STRANGE AND PERFECT ENDING—Dr. Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn— #165 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Benediction

Postlude

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# SERMON NOTES

## **The Good News in a Worship Service**

Among other things, the worship service is intended to tell a story of good news. We aim to walk through it every week. Those who already believe the gospel need to hear the story again (and hopefully love to hear it again). And those who do not yet know Christ need to hear the story for the first time. God can call people to himself not just from the sermon, but from the content and shape of the entire service. What we do from week to week is based on patterns of worship we find in the Bible (Isaiah 6, Exodus 24). We also use particular patterns (a liturgy) in order to tell the old, old story to our own hearts, and to our neighbors. As you worship, look for some of these big themes:

### **God Is Great**

A biblical service proclaims that God should be worshipped because he is God, because he is a good, kind, all-powerful, holy, just, loving God. Many different themes, passages, and hymns are used each week to call us to worship our Creator God. (Further reading: Deuteronomy 5-6)

### **We Are Sinful**

A biblical service is clear about the sin and fall of mankind—our separation from God, and our need for a redeemer. Each week we are reminded that God required perfect obedience and that death is the consequence of falling short of perfection. Even as a Christian it can be uncomfortable to hear God’s warnings and to confess our sin. However, it is also our great privilege and a necessary part of the good news. Every week, as we confess our sin, we are pointed to the gospel where we can find assurance of forgiveness in Christ. (Further reading: Romans 1-3)

### **Jesus Is Our Savior**

A biblical service highlights the truth that 2000 years ago Jesus Christ died on the cross for sinners, that he stood in our place and took God’s wrath on our behalf. Christ was our substitute, so that those who believe in him no longer have to bear the eternal consequence of our sin. In Christ, we are no longer separated from God, but are united to him and have peace with our Creator. (Further reading: Romans 4-6, John 1)

### **The Holy Spirit Is Our Helper**

A biblical service calls us to live according to the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Each week some aspect of the work of the Spirit as our Helper is expounded upon in the sermon, hymns, prayers, and readings. Also, each week we are sent out with God’s blessing (the benediction) so that we might stand on the truth and walk in grace. (Further reading: Romans 7-8, 12)

### **The Church Is for People Who Need Jesus**

A biblical and Christian worship service then, is an opportunity for you to meet Jesus Christ in his word. Our prayer is that you would respond in faith: “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

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.