

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

March 3, 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.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Isaiah 28:16

Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: 'Whoever believes will not be in haste.'

Introit—The Fruit of the Vine

Text and Music: Mark Patterson

Call to Worship—Psalms 18:1–3, 46

Leader: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

ALL: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Leader: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

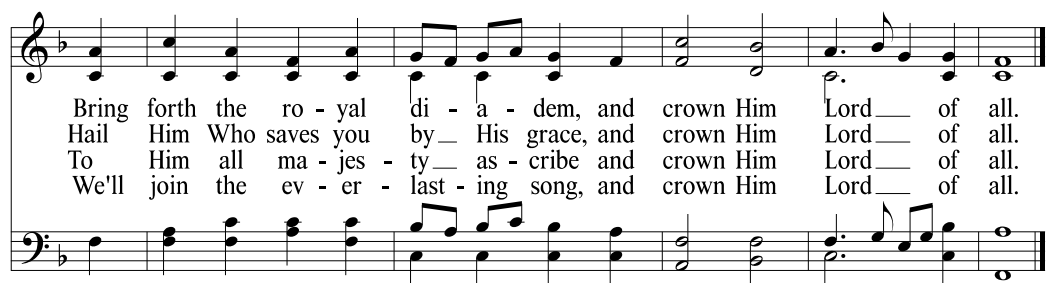
ALL: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Hymn— #296 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

The image shows the musical score for the hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name". It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the last four lines. The lyrics are: "All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall, Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball, O that, with yon - der sa - cred throng, we at His feet may fall, Bring forth the ro - yal di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all. to Him all ma - jes - ty as - cribe and crown Him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Him Lord of all."

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Text: Edward Perronet, 1779, John Rippon, 1787; Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1793

Congregational Song of the Month—He Will Hold Me Fast



When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
Those he saves are his de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.
pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.
I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast.
for my love is of - ten cold; he must hold me fast.
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last!
He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
for my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Text: Ada Habershon, Matt Merker; Music: Matt Merker ©2013 Getty Music Publishing and Matt Merker/BMI

Old Testament Reading—Deuteronomy 10:12–22

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

Pastoral Prayer

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—It Is Well with My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.
[Refrain.]

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—1 Peter 2:4–10 (p. 1014-1015)

A LIVING STONE

Rev. Brian Peterson

(Space for sermon notes is on page 8.)

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—1 Corinthians 10:13–17

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Congregational Sung Response—Sanctus

Women

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,

Men

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,

Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.

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Text: Traditional. Arr. Gregory Wilbur; Music: FRANKLIN SANCTUS, Gregory Wilbur

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—God to Enfold Me

*God to enfold me, God to surround me, God in my speaking, God in my thinking,
God in my sleeping, God in my waking, God in my watching, God in my hoping.
God in my life, God in my lips, God in my hands, God in my heart.
God in my sufficing, God in my slumber, God in mine everliving soul, God in mine eternity.*

Text and Music: Chris Hutchings

The Cup—My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The final system ends with a double bar line.

My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood sup - port me in the
When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous - ness: I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
chang - ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, He -
Him be found; Dressed in His righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ the sol - id rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1834; Music: SOLID ROCK, William Bradbury, 1863

Special Offering

This month's special offering will go to our General Mercy Fund.

Congregational Song—The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day:
Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face,
Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath
Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,

Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry;
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.
quakes as its mak - er bows his head.
for through your suf - fer - ing I am

tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then
Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed
Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
free. Death is crushed to death; life is mine to

nailed to a cross of wood.
crown - ing your blood-stained brow. 1.2.3. This, the pow'r _____ of the
"Fin - ished!" the vict' - ry cry. 4. This, the pow'r _____ of the
live, won through your self - less

cross: _____ Christ be - came _____ sin for us; _____ Took the
cross: _____ Son of God _____ slain for us. _____ What a

blame, _____ bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
love! _____ What a cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

Text and Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend ©2005 Thankyou Music

Benediction Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brian Peterson; Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George;
Assisting Pastor: Rev. Bruce Creswell; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins;
Instrumental Director: Scott Van Patter; Christ Covenant Choir; 3-5 Children's Choir; Early Music Ensemble
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SERMON NOTES

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 PM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 86 T.H. p.814

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—#115 All Creatures of Our God and King

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

New Testament Reading—Matthew 18:21–35

Pastoral Prayer

Preaching of the Word—Ephesians 4:31–5:1 (p. 978)

FORGIVING LIKE GOD—Rev. Bruce Creswell

Congregational Sung Response— #308 Jesus Paid It All

Benediction

Postlude

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Assisting Pastor: Rev. Dave Baxter; 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.