

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

March 17, 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

The weekly worship service is a conversation between the Lord and his people. We speak to God, and he speaks to us through his word. We believe the Holy Spirit teaches us that we might see the unseen. He opens the eyes of the blind. "Ye blind, behold your Savior come!" "I was blind, but now I see." "Out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see!"

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 a.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Mark 7:37

And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 146:1–10

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

ALL: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

ALL: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

ALL: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

Leader: The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

ALL: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn— #164 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that
 He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he
 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free; his blood can make the
 loos - en'd tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your

God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
 Sav - ior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: AZMON, Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829

New Testament Reading—Matthew 6:19–23

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 29:17–19

Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

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—I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Choral and Congregational)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
that spread the flowing seas a-broad and built the lofty skies.
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how your wonders are displayed wher-e'er I turn my eye,
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze up-on the skies.
and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1715; Music: FOREST GREEN, Traditional English Melody, arr. Marsh

Sacrament of Baptism

Elsie Louise Cash
Daughter of Andrew and Sarah Cash

Nathan Justice Batson
Son of David and Emily Batson

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Bless the Lord O My Soul (10,000 Reasons)

Bless the Lord Oh, my soul, oh my soul. Wor-ship his ho - ly name —
Sing like nev-er be-fore, oh, my soul. I wor-ship your ho - ly name. —
The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn - ing —
You're rich in love and you're slow to an - ger. — Your
And on that day when my strength is fail - ing — the
— it's time to sing your song — a - gain. —
name — is — great and your hear is kind.
end — draws — near and my time has come,
What - ev - er may pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore me
For all — your good - I will keep — on — sing - ing
still — my — soul sing your praise un - end - ing
let me be sin - ing when the ev'n - ing — comes.
ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to — find.
ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er — more.

Text and Music: Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin ©2011 Thankyou Music

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.

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—John 9:13–41 (p. 895-896)

I ONCE WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE

Dr. Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn— #460 Amazing Grace!

A - maz - ing - grace! how sweet the sound, that
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
The Lord has promised to me, and his
When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: AMAZING GRACE, Traditional American melody

Benediction

Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; 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

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SERMON NOTES

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship— Psalm 68:4–10

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

**ALL: 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.**

Leader: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched
through the wilderness,

**ALL: the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God,
the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

Leader: Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored
your inheritance as it languished;

**ALL: your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God,
you provided for the needy.**

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn— #76 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Responsive Reading—Psalm 85 TH p. 814

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.

Pastoral Prayer, Tithes and Offerings

Preaching of the Word—1 Kings 19 (p. 301)

NOT WHAT YOU WERE EXPECTING

Marcus Smith

**Congregational Hymn— #529 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Benediction and Postlude**

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastoral Intern: Marcus Smith; Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George;

Assisting Pastor: Rev. Dave Baxter; Organist: Pam Eash; Prelude: Stephanie Milvain

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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 2,000 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.