

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

July 14, 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—Psalm 90:17

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

Introit

Call to Worship—Psalm 118:14–24

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

ALL: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

ALL: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

ALL: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**ALL: This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed;
When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
"The — soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

Is— laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For— I am your God, and will still give you aid;
 The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 I— will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He has said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 that soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to shake,

To— you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 And sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 I'll— nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake."

Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787 FOUNDATION Traditional American Melody

New Testament Reading—Acts 11:19–21

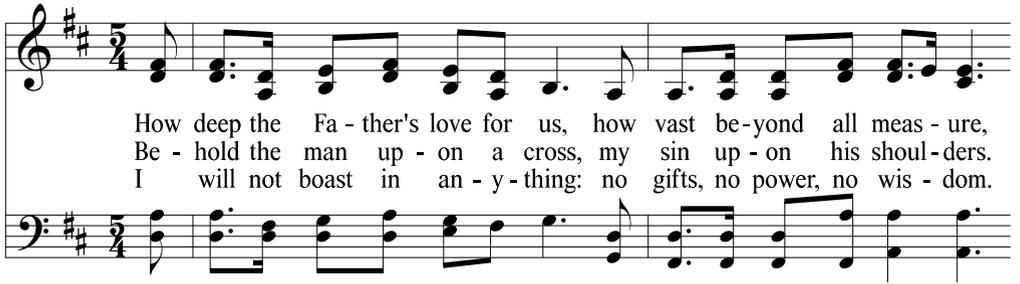
Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

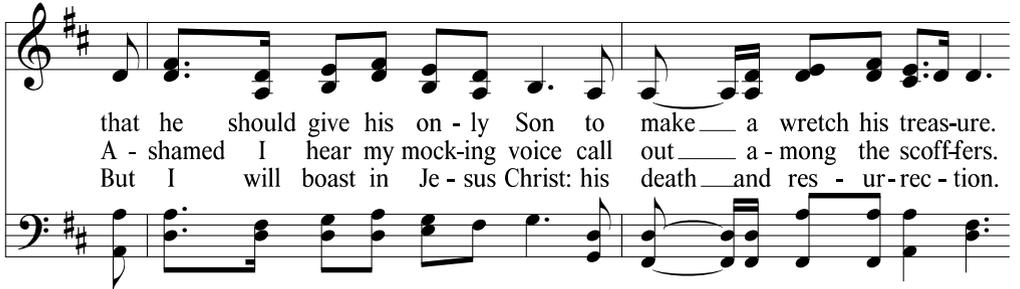
Giving of Tithes and Offerings

(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—How Deep the Father's Love for Us



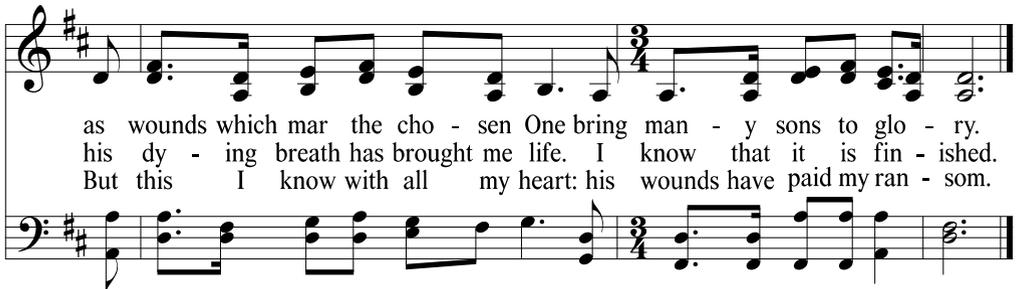
How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure,
Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul - ders.
I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no power, no wis - dom.



that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his treas - ure.
A - shamed I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scoff - ers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss: the Fa - ther turns his face a - way,
It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;
Why should I gain from his re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



as wounds which mar the cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
his dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Selections from Proverbs

PROVERBS: IN THE HANDS OF THE LORD

Rev. Brian Peterson

(Space for sermon notes is on page 8.)

Confession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sursum Corda

Leader: The Lord be with you

ALL: and also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give thanks and praise.

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.

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

Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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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—*Bach-Grandjany Etude No. 6*

The Cup—There Is No Greater Portrait



There is no great - er por - trait of ___ love and sac - ri - fice
He ___ ran the race be - fore him though it was filled with pain,
The ___ Son of Man was lift - ed be - fore cre - a - tion's eyes;
O ___ Sav - ior, let this sin - ner be ___ ran - somed by the flood



than Je - sus leav - ing glo - ry and lay - ing down his life.
and walked the road to glo - ry In ___ a - go - ny and shame.
was mocked and scorned by sol - diers, by kings and priests de - spised.
of ___ mer - cy and for - give - ness a - bun - dant in your blood.



When I look on the suf - fer - ings my Sav - ior chose to bear,
Then for the joy be - fore ___ him, he chose to bear the cross,
But ___ now the Son is ris - en, as - cend - ed to the skies.
O ___ Lord, be my sal - va - tion, your Ho - ly Spir - it send



it ___ fills my heart with sor - row to ___ think I put him there.
pur - sued his Fa - ther's plea - sure and count - ed all else loss.
By an - gels he is wor - shipped; by na - tions glor - i - fied.
to ___ change my heart and cause me to ___ love you to the end.

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Special Offering

This month's special offering is designated for MNA Disaster Relief.
(For more information, see the Courier.)

Congregational Hymn—And Can It Be That I Should Gain (V. 1-4)

And can it be that I— should gain an in - t'rest in the
'Tis mys-t'ry all! Th'im - mor - tal— dies! Who can— ex - plore His
He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove, so free, so— in - fi -
Long my im - pris - oned spir - it— lay fast bound in— sin and
No con-dem-na - tion now— I— dread; Je - sus,— and all in—

Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me— who caused his pain? For
strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph tries To
nite his grace; hum - bled him - self— (so great his love!), and
na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused— a quick - 'ning ray, I
him is mine! A - live in him,— my liv - ing Head, and

me,— who him— to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How
sound the depths of love di - vine! 'Tis mer - cy all! let—
bled— for all— his cho - sen race; 'tis mer - cy all, im -
woke,— the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my—
clothed in right - eous-ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach th'e -

can— it— be— that thou,— my God— shouldst die— for me?
earth a - dore,— Let an - gel— minds— in - quire— no more.
mense and free;— for, O— my God,— it found— out me.
heart was free;— I rose,— went forth— and fol - lowed thee.
ter - nal throne, and claim— the crown,— through Christ— my own.

Refrain

A-maz-ing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me.
A - maz - ing love! How can it be that thou, my God,

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: SAGINA, Thomas Campbell, 1825

Benediction

Congregational Hymn—And Can It Be That I Should Gain (V. 5)

Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brian Peterson; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Derek Wells;
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins;
Instrumental Director: Scott Van Patter; Harpist: Connor May Kelly
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SERMON NOTES

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 PM

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship— Psalm 149 T.H. 840–841

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn— #198 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 61:1-10

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers; but you shall be called the priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast. Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy. For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Congregational Hymn— #499 Rock of Ages

Preaching of the Word—Titus 2:9–10 (p. 998)

ADORNING THE DOCTRINE OF GOD—Rev. Stewart Neely

Congregational Hymn— #521 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Benediction and Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Stewart Neely; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Bernie Lawrence;
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SERMON NOTES

REGARDING COMMUNION AT CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

In the Presbyterian Church, children who are baptized are non-communing 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 Pastor 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 Women's Director, Teresa Caldwell, for women's groups and Pastor Brian Peterson for men's groups.