

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

August 4, 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—Romans 8:15

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

Introit

Call to Worship—Psalm 103:1–14, 21-22

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

**ALL: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,**

Leader: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you
with steadfast love and mercy,

**ALL: who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed
like the eagle’s.**

Leader: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people
of Israel.

**ALL: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.**

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us
according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above
the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove
our transgressions from us.

**ALL: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD
shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows
our frame; he remembers that we are dust.**

Leader: Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

**ALL: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

Prayer of Invocation

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

Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your
 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor, to 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: from Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyle, 1834; Music: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss, 1869

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—Little Trees

A reflection on Psalm 1

Text and Music: Nathan Clark George

New Testament Reading—1 John 3:1–3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Oh How Good It Is



Oh how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to - geth - er in
Oh how good it is on this jour - ney we share tyo re - joice with the
Oh how good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre - fer one an -
spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the bonds of peace, of ac -
hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the weak find strength, the af -
oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we live as one we all
cept - ance and love are the fruit of His pres - ence here a - mong — us.
flict - ed find grace, when we of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.
share in the love of the Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.
So with one voice we'll _ sing to the Lord and with one heart we'll _
live out his word till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has
come. For he dwells in the pres - ence of his peo - ple. —

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Selections from Proverbs

RAISING THE NEXT GENERATION: PARENTING IN PROVERBS

Rev. Dave Baxter

(Space for sermon notes is on page 8.)

Confession of Sin—Matthew 5:48

You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Assurance of Grace—2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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

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

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

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

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— My Savior, My Almighty Friend

My Savior, my almighty friend, when I begin thy praise
Where will the growing numbers end, the numbers of thy grace?

Thou art my everlasting trust, thy goodness I adore;
 And since I knew thy graces first, I speak thy glories more.

How will my lips rejoice to tell the victories of my King!
 My soul redeemed from sin and hell, shall thy salvation sing.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: William Billings, 1770

The Cup—Thy Mercy My God



Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme — of my song,
 With - out thy sweet mer - cy I could — not live here;
 Thy mer - cy is more than a match — for my heart,
 Great Fa - ther of mer - cies, thy good - ness I own,



the joy of my heart and the boast — of my tongue;
 and sin would re - duce me to ut - ter de - spair;
 and which won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part;
 and the cov - e - nant love of thy cru - ci - fied Son;



thy free grace a - lone, — from the first to the last, —
 but, through thy free good - ness, my spir - its re - vive, —
 dis - solved by thy good - ness, I fall to the ground,
 all praise to the Spir - it, whose whis - per di - vine —



hath won my af - fec - tions and bound — my — soul fast.
 and he that first made me still keeps — me — a - live.
 and weep to the praise of the mer - cy — I've found.
 seals mer - cy, and par - don, and right - eous - ness mine.

Text: John Stoker; Music: Sandra McCracken

Special Offering (*For more information, see the Courier.*)

This month's special offering is designated for Metanoia Prison Ministry.

Congregational Song—How Marvelous (I Stand Amazed)



I stand a-mazed in the pres - ence of Je - sus, the Naz - a -
 He took my sins and my sor - rows; he made them his ver - y
 When with the ran - somed in glo - ry his face I at last shall



rene, and won-der how he could love me, a sin-ner, condemned, un-clean.
 own; he bore the bur-den to Calv-'ry and suf-fered and died a-lone.
 see, 'twill be my joy through the ag-es to sing of his love for me.



How mar-vel-ous, how won-der-ful! and my song shall ev-er be:



how mar-vel-ous, how won-der-ful is my Sav-ior's love for me!

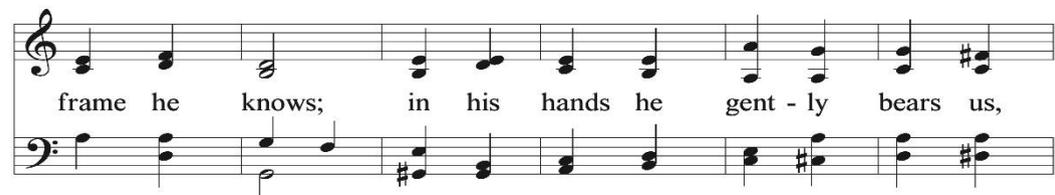
Text and Music: Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

Benediction

Congregational Hymn—Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (v. 3)



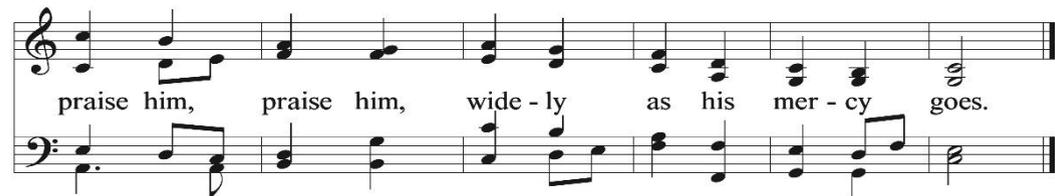
Fa-ther-like, he tends and spares us; well our fee-ble



frame he knows; in his hands he gent-ly bears us,



res-cues us from all our foes. Praise him praise him,



praise him, praise him, wide-ly as his mer-cy goes.

Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Dave Baxter; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Mike Miller;
 Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Instrumental Director: Scott Van Patter;
 Ladies Ensemble

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SERMON NOTES

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 PM

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship— Psalm 145 T.H. 838–839

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn— #242 Not All the Blood of Beasts

Old Testament Reading—Leviticus 16:1–3, 11–16

The LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the LORD and died, and the LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat. But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. “Aaron shall present the bull as a sin offering for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall kill the bull as a sin offering for himself. And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall bring it inside the veil and put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, so that he does not die. And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times. “Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses.

New Testament Reading—Hebrews 9:15–22

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Congregational Hymn— #254 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

Preaching of the Word—Titus 3:3–7 (p. 998-999)

OUR PAST, PRESENT, AND PURPOSE—Rev. Zach Fulginiti

Congregational Hymn— #307 Nothing but the Blood

Benediction and Postlude

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Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; 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
Elder Mike Johnson

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 Ministry Administrator, Jenny Blackmon.

SMALL GROUPS

Gender-specific groups of 4-10 people. Please contact Women's Director, Teresa Caldwell, for women's groups and Ministry Administrator, Jenny Blackmon, for men's groups.