

# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY  
Reformation Sunday  
October 27, 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

On this Reformation Sunday it is a joy to sing *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* along with several other songs that call attention to the Word of God, including the singing of a Psalm. We do so with thankful hearts, for the insistence on the authority of Scriptures over 500 years ago has directly and dramatically impacted and blessed us today. We are word-focused and word-driven. In saying this we simply mean that by paying attention to the written word we set our hearts on the Living Word. May Christ, the Living Word, be lovely to us again today!

### SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 a.m.

#### Announcements and Greeting

#### Scripture Meditation—John 6:63

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

#### Introit

#### Call to Worship—Psalm 149

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

**ALL: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion  
rejoice in their King!**

Leader: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him  
with tambourine and lyre!

**ALL: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with salvation.**

Leader: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

**ALL: Let the high praises of God be in their throats  
and two-edged swords in their hands,**

Leader: to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments  
on the peoples, to bind their kings with chains and their nobles  
with fetters of iron, to execute on them the judgment written!

**ALL: This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!**

# Congregational Hymn—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A might - y fort - ress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 That Word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing; Were not the right man on our side, the  
 do - us, We will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth; The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: For still our an - cient foe  
 man of God's own choos - ing: Dost ask who that may be?  
 truth to tri - umph through us: The Prince of Dark - ness grim,  
 him who with us sid - eth: Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth, his Name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 From age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 For lo, his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Text: Based on Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529; Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529

## Responsive Reading—Psalms 105:8; 119:89, 160; Isaiah 40:8; 1 Peter 1:24–25

Leader: He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded,  
for a thousand generations,

**ALL: Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.**

Leader: The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules  
endures forever.

**ALL: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God  
will stand forever.**

Leader: All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers, and the flower falls,

**ALL: But the word of the Lord remains forever.**

## Congregational Psalm—Be Thou My Vision



Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; nought be all  
Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er  
Be thou my bat - tle - shield, sword for my fight; be thou my  
Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -  
High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach



else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought, by  
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,  
dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,  
her - i - tance now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,  
heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what-



day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
I thy true son;— thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: *Rob to mo bhoile, a Comdi cride*, Ancient Irish Poem, 8th century, Trans. by Mary Byrne, 1880-1931

Music: SLANE, Traditional Irish Melody

## Prayer of Adoration

### Confession of Sin—Psalm 119:169–176

Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word! Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word. My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes. My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right. Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts. I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight. Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

## Assurance of Grace—Ephesians 1:13–14

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

## 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.

## 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—Like a River Glorious

## Pastoral Prayer

## Congregational Song—O Great God



O great God of high-est heav'n oc - cu - py my low - ly heart;  
I was blind-ed by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice;  
Help me now to live a life that's de-pend-ent on Your grace.



own it all and reign su - preme con - quer eve - ry re - bel pow'r.  
did not know your love with-in, had no taste for heav-en's joys.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.



Let no vice or sin re-main that re - sists your ho - ly war.  
Then your Spir-it gave me life, o - pened up your word to me;  
You are wor-thy to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed.



You have loved and pur-chased me. Make me yours for - ev - er - more.  
through the gos - pel of your Son gave me end - less hope and peace.  
O great God of high - est heav'n glo - ri - fy your name through me!

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Text and Music: Based on Psalm 100, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Fionan de Barra ©2012 Getty Music

Mike Kruger

## 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,  
When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
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;  
my — grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
for the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,  
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.  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

Text: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787; Music: FOUNDATION, Traditional American Melody

## Benediction

## Sung Response—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (see p. 2)

## Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Mike Kruger; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Bernie Lawrence  
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins;  
Instrumental Director: Scott Van Patter; CCC Adult Choir; Soloist: Andrew Jensen  
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## SERMON NOTES



## SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

### **Announcements and Greeting**

### **Call to Worship— Psalm 42 T. H. p. 800**

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

### **Prayer of Adoration**

### **Old Testament Reading—2 Chronicles 34:22–28**

So Hilkiah and those whom the king had sent went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath, son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter) and spoke to her to that effect. And she said to them, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: ‘Tell the man who sent you to me, Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will bring disaster upon this place and upon its inhabitants, all the curses that are written in the book that was read before the king of Judah. Because they have forsaken me and have made offerings to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands, therefore my wrath will be poured out on this place and will not be quenched. But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall you say to him, Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God when you heard his words against this place and its inhabitants, and you have humbled yourself before me and have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, declares the LORD. Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place and its inhabitants.’” And they brought back word to the king.

## Congregational Hymn—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;  
 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

## Pastoral Prayer, Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

## Preaching of the Word—Ephesians 2:1–10 (p. 976)

SHAPED BY GRACE—Dave Baxter

## Congregational Hymn—#168 I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art

## Benediction

## Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Dave Baxter; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Derek Wells;

Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Joy Singers

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## SERMON NOTES

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.