

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

March 29, 2020

## 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 a.m.

### **Announcements**

### **Scripture Meditation—2 Samuel 22:31**

This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

### **Call to Worship—based on 2 Samuel 22:32–36, 47, 50**

Who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?  
Praise him! For this God is our strong refuge and has made our way blameless.  
Give thanks to him, for he made our feet like the feet of a deer  
and set us secure on the heights.  
He trains our hands for war. He has given us the shield of salvation,  
and his gentleness makes us great.

With one voice say, "The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation."

Bring your praise to the LORD. Among the nations sing praises to his name!

### **Prayer of Invocation**

### **Congregational Hymn—O Church, Arise**

1 O church arise, and put your armor on, hear the call of Christ our Captain;  
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle cry is Love, reaching out to those in darkness.

2 Our call to war, to love the captive soul but to rage against the captor,  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which he died, an inheritance of nations.

3 Come see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen.  
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see him.

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### **Old Testament Scripture Reading—Isaiah 11:1–5**

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

### **Congregational Song—O Worship the King**

1 O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space,  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your power has founded of old;  
Established it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Text: Based on Psalm 104, Robert Grant, 1833; Music: LYONS, Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

### **Prayer of Confession of Sin—Psalm 28:1-5**

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary. Do not drag me off with the wicked, with the workers of evil, who speak peace with their neighbors while evil is in their hearts. Give to them according to their work and according to the evil of their deeds; give to them according to the work of their hands; render them their due reward. Because they do not regard the works of the LORD or the work of his hands, he will tear them down and build them up no more.

### **Assurance of Grace—Psalm 28:6-9**

Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

### **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

During this time, we will need your help. Several ministries of the church have been suspended. However, our operations must also continue at the same time. Much of our church's giving is done through physical checks and cash gifts which are placed in the offering each Sunday. The Lord has been kind to this congregation and expanded its ministries through generous giving. Please consider mailing or delivering your gift, or take the opportunity to give online through the church website.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Congregational Song—Show Us Christ

1 Prepare our hearts, O God, help us to receive.  
Break the hard and stony ground, help our unbelief.  
Plant your Word down deep in us, cause it to bear fruit,  
Open up our ears to hear, lead us in your truth.

Refrain: Show us Christ, show us Christ,  
O God, reveal your glory through the preaching of your word  
until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.

2 Your word is living light upon our darkened eyes,  
guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise.  
Your word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave,  
Riches for the needy soul, come speak to us today. [Refrain.]

Bridge: Where else can we go, Lord, where else can we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.

[Refrain.]

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## Prayer of Illumination

## Preaching of the Word—Ephesians 6:10–11

A CALL TO PUT ON

Kevin DeYoung

## Congregational Hymn—Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my battleshield, sword for my fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler 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

## Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung;  
Assisting Pastor: Rev. Bernie Lawrence; Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Pianist: Pamela Mullins;  
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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

### Announcements and Greeting

#### Call to Worship—Psalm 66:1–5, 16–20

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise! Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!  
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.  
All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;  
they sing praises to your name.”

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds  
toward the children of man.

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done  
for my soul. I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise  
was on my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord  
would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has attended  
to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me!

### Prayer of Invocation

#### Congregational Hymn—We Gather Together

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
Thou, Lord wast at our side--all glory be thine!

3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation endure thro' tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised; O Lord, make us free!

Text: Theodore Baker, 1917;

Music: KREMSER Adrianus Valerius's *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626 Arr. by Edward Kremser, 1877

## Congregational Hymn—Sweet Hour of Prayer

1 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Text: William W. Walford, ca. 1742; Music: SWEET HOUR, William B. Bradbury, 1859

## Old Testament Reading—Psalm 32:1–7

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Selah*

## Pastoral Prayer

### Tithes and Offerings

## Congregational Psalm—I Will Lift My Voice (from Psalm 101)

1 I will lift my voice. I will ever sing,  
For your steadfast love abounds, O my Lord and King!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! I will ever sing, O my Lord and King.

2 I will raise my song for that glorious day!  
Lord if you should tarry long, I will ever wait.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! For that glorious day I will ever wait.

3 By your mighty hand I will turn my eyes  
From these fading shadowlands to eternal light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! I will turn my eyes to eternal light.

4 I will look to see, all the faithful souls  
Ever walk in unity, pressing toward the goal.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! All the faithful souls pressing toward the goal.

Text and Music: Nathan C. George, based on Psalm 101

## **Preaching of the Word—Ephesians 6:18–20**

A CALL TO PRAY—Kevin DeYoung

### **Congregational Hymn—What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

1 What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful? Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
in his arms he'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1855; Music: WHAT A FRIEND, Charles C. Converse, 1868

## **Benediction**

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Services at 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday School Classes for all ages begin at 9:00 a.m.

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