

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

April 26, 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—Matthew 14:31

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Call to Worship—based on Isaiah 35:1–5

Come with thankful hearts to the Lord Almighty! For the wilderness
and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom
like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

Come and see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

For he strengthens the weak hands, and makes firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”

**Sing his praises. Be strong and do not doubt, for the eyes of the blind
shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.**

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

1 Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluia!
to his throne above the skies. Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heav'n. Alleluia!

2 There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia!
He hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

3 See, he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!
See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

4 Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height; Alleluia!
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee. Alleluia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1817

New Testament Scripture Reading—Hebrews 11:24–27

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

Congregational Song—How Rich a Treasure We Possess

1 How rich a treasure we possess in Jesus Christ our Lord.
His blood our ransom and defense; his glory our reward.
The sum of all created things is worthless in compare,
for our inheritance is him whose praise angels declare

2 How free and costly was the love displayed upon the cross.
While we were dead in untold sin the Sov'reign purchased us;
The will of God the Father demonstrated through the Son.
The Spirit seals the greatest work, the work which Christ has done.

Refrain: For yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory!
Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory; Amen!

3 How vast and measureless the flood of mercy unrestrained;
the penalty was paid in full; the spotless Lamb was slain.
Salvation what a priceless gift, received by grace through faith;
we stand in robes of righteousness, we stand in Jesus' Name.
[Refrain.]

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Confession of Sin—James 1:5–8

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Assurance of Grace—Jude 20–25

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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.

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Congregational Hymn—Are You Weary, Are You Languid?

1 Are you weary, are you languid, are you sore distress'd?
"Come to me," says One, "and, coming, be at rest."
Has he marks to lead me to him, if he be my Guide?
"In his feet and hands are woundprints, and his side."

Refrain: Finding, foll'wing, keeping, struggling, is he sure to bless?
"Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs answer yes!"

2 Is there diadem, as Monarch, that his brow adorns?
"Yes, a crown, in very surety, but of thorns."
If I find him, if I follow, what his promise here?
"Many a sorrow, many a labor, many a tear." [Refrain.]

3 If I still hold closely to him, what has he at last?
"Sorrow vanquished, labor ended, Jordan passed."
If I ask him to receive me, will he say me nay?
"Not till earth and not till heaven pass away." [Refrain.]

Text: John Martin Neale, 1862; Music: STEPHANOS, Henry W. Baker, 1868
Arranged and refrain added: Nathan Clark Geroche, 2020

Congregational Song—He Will Hold Me Fast

1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

2 Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;
precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. [Refrain.]

3 For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast,
'till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last! [Refrain.]

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—John 20:24–31

DEALING WITH DOUBT

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Song—The Power of the Cross

1 Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary;
tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

Refrain: This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.

2 Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow. [Refrain.]

3 Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
quakes as its maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry. [Refrain.]

4 Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through your selfless love.

Refrain: This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung;
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 9:11

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymnfest

Preaching of the Word—Psalm 22

WHEN GOD SEEMS SILENT — Kevin DeYoung

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Organist: Pam Eash

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and serving the body of Christ.

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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