



# CHRIST COVENANT — CHURCH —

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

May 17, 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 and Greeting**

### **Scripture Meditation—Lamentations 3:22–23**

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

### **Introit—Great Is Thy Faithfulness v. 1**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided:  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

### **Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 81:1–3, 10, 13, 16**

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

**Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.**

Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.

**The Lord says to his people, "I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide,  
and I will fill it."**

Listen to the word of his voice! Walk in his ways.

**Come, all you his people. Praise him! For he desires to feed you  
with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock  
he would satisfy you."**

## **Prayer of Invocation**

### **Congregational Hymn—Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

1 Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody

### **Congregational Hymn—Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825

## **Congregational Song—Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

1 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, in the dawning of the King.  
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

2 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, he, the perfect Son of Man.  
In his living, in his suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hellbound man.  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law in him we stand.

3 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ, the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

4 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death, the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord; he is alive.  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope.  
Christ, in power, resurrected, as we will be when he comes.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death, the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord; he is alive.

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## **Old Testament Scripture Reading— Isaiah 40:9-11, 29-31**

Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

## **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**

### **Congregational Song—Speak, O Lord**

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us;  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace, we'll stand on your promises,  
And by faith, we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

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## **Prayer of Illumination**

### **Preaching of the Word—John 21:15–19**

FEED MY SHEEP

Kevin DeYoung

## **Congregational Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal**

1 Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong;  
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;  
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Text: Earnest W. Shurtleff, 1888; Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry Smart, 1836

## **Benediction**

### **Sung Response—Doxology**

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

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung;  
Assisting Pastors: Rev. Dave Baxter; 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—Based on Psalm 116:5–7, 17–19

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.  
Return, O people of God, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully  
with you.

Come, offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

Pay vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, and in the courts  
of the house of the LORD. In the presence of your God, O Jerusalem,  
praise the LORD!

### Prayer of Invocation

#### Congregational Hymn—Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing

2 Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens meek,  
raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak. [Refrain.]

3 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest,  
the pilgrims reach their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest. [Refrain.]

4 Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. [Refrain.]

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody

#### Old Testament Reading—Psalm 147:1–6

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and  
a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts  
of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines  
the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord,  
and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The LORD lifts  
up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

## **Congregational Psalm—O Lord Most High (Psalm 9)**

1 O Lord Most High, with all my heart, your great works I will proclaim;  
I will be glad and give you thanks and sing the praises of your name.

2 The Lord, the everlasting King, seated on his judgment throne;  
The Righteous Judge of all the world will make his perfect justice known.

3 Jehovah will a refuge prove, refuge strong for all oppressed,  
a safe defense, where weary souls in troubled times may surely rest.

4 All they, O Lord, that know your name, place their trust in the Word of Truth,  
for you have never turned away from those who truly seek for you.

*Text: 1912 Psalter, Alt. Nathan C George; Music: Nathan C George, 2013*

## **New Testament Reading—Acts 1:4–8**

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

## **Tithes and Offerings**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Congregational Song—I’m Not Ashamed to Own My Lord**

1 I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend his cause,  
maintain the honor of his Word, the glory of his cross.

2 Jesus, my God! I know his name, his name is all my trust;  
nor will he put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost.

3 Firm as his throne his promise stands, and he can well secure  
what I've committed to his hands 'til the decisive hour.

4 Then will he own my worthless name before his Father's face,  
and in the new Jerusalem appoint my soul a place.

*Text: Isaac Watts, 1709; Music: PISGAH, Attr. To J.C. Lowry in Kentucky Harmony, 1817*

## Preaching of the Word—Nehemiah 11

THE HOLY CITY—Tom Groelsema

### Congregational Song—Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God!  
He, whose Word cannot be broken, formed thee for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love;  
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear!  
For a glory and a cov'ring showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from our banner light by night and shade by day;  
Safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood!  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God.  
'Tis his love his people raises, over self to reign as kings,  
and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank off'ring brings.

Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: AUSTRIAN HYMN, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

### Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Tom Groelsema; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Mike Miller;  
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is committed to worshipping God, making disciples, loving one another,  
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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