

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

January 31, 2021

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

Much of our service today points to our dependence upon the Lord. You will notice that there are several different aspects to the idea of pleading. We plead for mercy and help. But also, we rely upon a strong and perfect plea. We will call from sorrow and plead for rescue because we are prone to wander. Yet Jesus is always our plea. Therefore, we can come confidently and expectantly before the throne of mercy to ask for the Lord's strength in all temptations and trials.

When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,
E'en then this shall be all my plea, Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 9:00 and 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation— Hebrews 10:19–22a

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

Introit—Sweet Hour of Prayer

Call to Worship— Based on Psalm 140:6–7, 141:1

Leader: Say to the LORD, "You are my God; give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!

ALL: Draw near to him saying, "O LORD, my Lord, the strength of my salvation, you have covered my head in the day of battle."

Congregational Hymn—Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,
e'en then this shall be all my plea, Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me,
for me a full atonement made, an everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

Text: Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1739; Music: GERMANY, William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

Congregational Song—Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by his blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vicki Cook

Prayer of Adoration

New Testament Reading— Galatians 6:1 and Hebrews 2:17–18

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Prayer of Confession of Sin and Thanksgiving for Grace

Congregational Psalm—Lord, from Sorrows Deep I Call

Lord from sorrows deep I call when my hope is shaken.
Torn and ruined from the fall, hear my desperation.
For so long I've pled and prayed, "God come to my rescue."
Even so the thorn remains. Still my heart will praise You.

Refrain: And oh my soul, put your hope in God.
My help, my rock, I will praise him.
Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm. "You're still my God, my salvation."

Storms within my troubled soul, questions without answers.
On my faith these billows roll. God, be now my shelter.
Why are you cast down, my soul? Hope in him who saves you.
When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise you.

Should my life be torn from me, ev'ry worldly pleasure.
When all I possess is grief, God, be then my treasure.
Be my vision in the night. Be my hope and refuge.
'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord, my heart will praise You.

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Giving of Tithes and Offerings **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—Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
the future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Matthew 6:13

THE LORD'S PRAYER: OUR PLEA

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.

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.

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

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George;
Assisting Pastor: Rev. Zach Fulginiti; Ladies Ensemble
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 PM

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 105:3–4

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Congregational Hymn—Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770

New Testament Reading and Call to Prayer—1 Peter 5:6–7

Prayer for those affected by COVID

Prayer for doctors, nurses, and medical personnel

Prayer for the end of the pandemic

Congregational Song—Sweet Hour of Prayer

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!

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!

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, 1842; Music: SWEET HOUR, William Bradbury, 1859

Prayer for our governing authorities

Prayer for healing of divisions in our country

Congregational Hymn—'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain.]
Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain.]

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. [Refrain.]

Text: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; Music: TRUST IN JESUS, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882

Preaching of the Word—Matthew 6:13

THE LORD'S PRAYER: HIS GLORY

Prayer for reformation and revival in our churches

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 Hymn—Hallelujah! Thine the Glory

We praise thee, O God, for the days of our youth,
For the bright lamp that shineth the word of thy truth.

Refrain: Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah we sing!
Hallelujah, thine the glory! Our praise now we bring.

We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,
For Jesus who died and is now gone above. [Refrain.]

We praise thee, O God, for thy Spirit of light,
Who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. [Refrain]

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev'ry stain. [Refrain]

Text: W. P. Mackay, 1863; Music: REVIVE US AGAIN, John J. Husband

Benediction

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is committed to worshiping God, making disciples, loving one another,
and serving the body of Christ.

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