

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

May 2, 2021

## WELCOME TO CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

We are glad you are here to worship the living God! This worship folder is intended to guide you through the service, as well as provide you with devotional material to take home.

### IN PREPARATION

Normally our worship service follows a main theme from the preaching passage. However, today it runs along two tracks. First, we begin with a joyful call to fight the good fight under the protection of God Almighty. Second, however, we are reminded that our hearts can deceive us, allowing our internal desires to shape the way we view truth rather than the other way around. Not only does this happen individually, but corporately as well. As the service progresses, the need for God's grace to us as a people will become more evident. Therefore, we will join with thousands upon thousands singing of God's grace that rescues the lost.

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

#### **Announcements and Greeting**

#### **Scripture Meditation—1 Timothy 6:12**

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

#### **Introit—Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might**

Text and Music: John Gardner

#### **Call to Worship—Psalm 103:1, 13–14, 20–22**

Leader: Is God good?

**ALL: The LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: Is God great?

**ALL: The LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

Leader: Is God powerful, able to defend, strong to rescue?

**ALL: God is all powerful! He is the shield of our salvation.**

Leader: Love the LORD, all you his saints! Praise him, all you his servants.  
Fear him, small and great.

**ALL: Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.  
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory...**

## Congregational Song—O Church, Arise



O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the  
Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to  
Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the



call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the  
Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -



they are strong, in the strength that God has giv - en.  
wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or.  
neath his feet, for the con - quer - or has ris - en.



With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a -  
When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the  
And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e -



gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle  
out - come is se - cure. And Christ will have the prize for  
merg - es from the grave, this vic - tory march con - tin - ues



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
which he died, an in - her - i - tance of na - tions.  
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.

Text and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend ©2005 Thankyou Music

## Old Testament Responsive Reading— Exodus 15:1–3, 11-13, 17-18

**Leader:** Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.

**ALL:** Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

**Leader:** You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. The LORD will reign forever and ever.

## Congregational Song—You Reign Forevermore

I sing un - to the Lord, my fa - thers' God I  
God is my strength and song, the war - rior, Sav - ior,  
In your un - fail - ing love, you lead your peo - ple

praise, ex - alt his ho - ly name and hymns of vic - t'ry  
he whose right hand is out - stretched in pow'r and ma - jes -  
on, re - deemed and guid - ed, to your ho - ly moun - tain

raise. For Phar - aoh and his men, he hurled in - to the sea,  
ty. The doc - trine of our God, the trem - bling na - tions hear,  
drawn: the dwell - ing - place you made, es - ta - blished long be - fore,

and so de - liv - ered Is - ra - el tri - um - phant - ly.  
and gripped with an - guish, ter - ror, dread, they melt in fear.  
the sanc - tu - a - ry where you reign for - ev - er - more.



My fa - ther's God, vic-tor - ious Lord, you reign, you reign for - ev - er - more.  
My strength and song, Re-dee - mer, Lord, you reign, you reign for - ev - er - more.  
My king, and shield, my sov-ereign Lord, you reign, you reign for - ev - er - more.

Text: Betsy George, based on Exodus 15, 2018; Music: Nathan Clark George, 2019

## **Prayer of Adoration**

## **Corporate Confession of Sin**

**Almighty and most merciful Father: We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may from now on live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Grace— 1 Peter 2:24 and 2 Timothy 4:7–8**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

## **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## Congregational Song—O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

*Parents, you may escort your pre-school aged children to Children's Bible Time (B-102)*

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with many rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er; Great-est  
O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er; Strong de-  
O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er; Gra-cious

treas-ure of my long-ing soul; My God, like You there is no  
fend-er of my wea-ry heart; My sword to fight the cruel de-  
Sav-ior of my ru-ined life; My guilt and cross laid on Your

oth-er; True de-light is found in You a-lone.  
ceiv-er; and my shield a-gainst his hate-ful darts.  
shoul-ders; In my place You suf-fered bled and died.

Your grace, a well too deep to fath-om; Your  
My song, when en-e-mies sur-round me; My  
You rose, the grave and death are con-quer-ed; You

love ex-ceeds the heav-en's reach; Your truth, a fount of per-fect  
hope, when tides of sor-row rise; My joy, when tri-als are a-  
broke my bonds of sin and shame. O Lord, my Rock and my Re-

wis-dom; My high-est good and my un-end-ing need.  
bound-ing; Your faith-ful-ness, my ref-uge in the night.  
deem-er, may all my days bring glo-ry to Your Name.

Text and Music: Traditional African-American Spiritual, arr. Nathan Clark George, 2019

## Prayer of Illumination

## Preaching of the Word—Genesis 18:16–33

THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH WILL DO WHAT IS RIGHT

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—Amazing Grace!



A - maz - ing - grace! how sweet the sound, that  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: AMAZING GRACE, Traditional American melody

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Derek Wells;  
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins; Youth Choir;  
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## SERMON NOTES



## SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

### Announcements and Greeting

### Call to Worship— Psalm 95:1–7

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**ALL: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**ALL: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

### Prayer of Adoration

### Congregational Hymn Sing

<https://hymnary.org/hymnal/TH1990>



Due to the different editions of the *Trinity Hymnal* that are available, the text may vary.

### Giving of Tithes and Offerings

### Pastoral Prayer

### Preaching of the Word—James 4:6–12

GRACE FOR THE HUMBLE—Tom Groelsema

## **Congregational Hymn—Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,  
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river. [Refrain.]

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the Bright and Morning Star shed his beams around me. [Refrain.]

Near the cross! O lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. [Refrain.]

Near the cross! I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever;  
till I reach the golden strand, just beyond the river. [Refrain.]

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1869; Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1869

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In humble reliance upon the word of God and prayer, Christ Covenant Church  
is committed to worshipping God, making disciples, loving one another,  
and serving the body of Christ.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Services at 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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