# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

May 23, 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

After the resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples off and on for forty days. Then, "not many days" after the ascension of Jesus Christ came Pentecost. God the Holy Spirit came in rushing winds, tongues of flame, and power to speak in many languages. Effectively, it was the inauguration of the church. The disciples began what we continue today - preaching, baptizing, and making disciples. On this Pentecost we have the wonderful blessing of worshipping together as the body of Christ in one service. I pray that the Spirit will use this day as a small beginning, an inauguration of sorts toward greater sanctification. May the Lord begin to rekindle in us a desire to hear the word preached, to grow in holiness, and to reach out to the world around us.

#### SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

#### Announcements and Greeting

### Scripture Meditation—John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

#### Introit—God So Loved the World

God so loved the world, God so loved the world, That he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him Should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son in to the world to condemn the world; But that the world through him might be saved

Text: John 3:16-17; Music: John Stainer, from "The Crucifixion"

### Call to Worship—Psalm 68:32–35

Leader: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

ALL: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!



### Prayer of Adoration



Text: Isaac Watts, 1715; Music: FOREST GREEN, Traditional English Melody, arr. Marsh

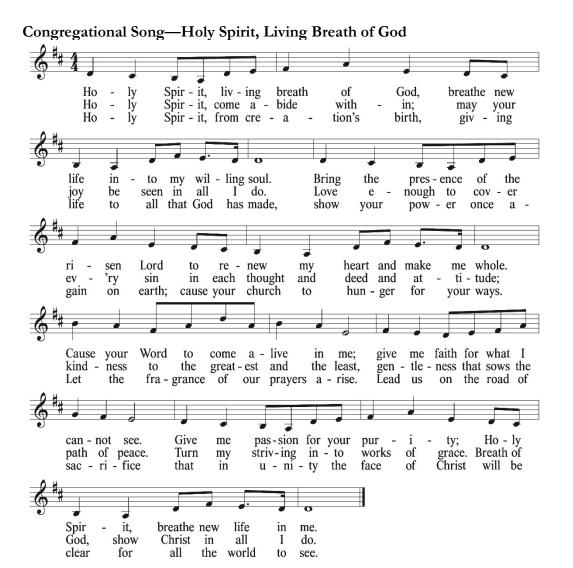
### New Testament Scripture Reading—Acts 2:1–13

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

#### Confession of Sin

### Assurance of Grace—Ephesians 1:11-14

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.



Text and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

### 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.



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#### Prayer of Illumination

### Preaching of the Word—Zechariah 4:1–14

BY MY SPIRIT, SAYS THE LORD

Kevin DeYoung

### Congregational Hymn—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



Text: Edward Perronet, 1779, John Rippon, 1787; Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1793

#### Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Bruce Creswell; Conductor: Joseph Foucachon; Guest Choir Director: Barbara VanPatter; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins; Instrumental Director: Scott VanPatter

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# SERMON NOTES

### SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

#### Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 103:1-5

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

ALL: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Congregational Hymn—#295 Crown Him with Many Crowns

**Prayer of Adoration** 

Congregational Song—Bless the Lord, O My Soul (10,000 Reasons)

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Scripture Reading—Selections from Ecclesiastes 7:8; Romans 12:12; 1 Corinthians 13:4, Lamentations 3:22–24

Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Giving of Tithes and Offerings Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#691 It Is Well with My Soul

Preaching of the Word—James 5:7–12

A LONG OBEDIENCE—Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—#32 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Benediction

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In humble reliance upon the word of God and prayer, Christ Covenant Church is committed to worshiping 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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