



# CHRIST COVENANT — CHURCH —

SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ ONLINE EDITION  
THE LORD'S DAY ~ June 6, 2021  
*that in everything he might be preeminent.* —Colossians 1:18

---

## 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

The Lord lives in inaccessible light, knowing all. And yet he is also a friend to sinners, saving helping, and keeping them. That the Lord of the universe, the pure Father of light, the creator of the universe, should care for frail humanity is truly a wonderful mystery. What is man that he should care for him? The fact that the son of God did this by becoming frail himself is an astounding mystery, and yet one that has also been revealed and fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Come, all who are weary. Come, all ye disconsolate. For the Savior has bled and died for you. How marvelous! How wonderful!

## Announcements and Greeting

### Scripture Meditation—Genesis 16:13

So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.”

## Introit

### Call to Worship—Based on Luke 1:46–55

Leader: Let your soul magnify the Lord, and your spirit rejoice in God our Savior. For he has looked on the humble estate of his servant!

**ALL: He who is mighty has done great things, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.**

Leader: He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate.

**ALL: Give thanks, for he has helped his servant Israel. He has remembered mercy! He has remembered his promise to Abraham and to his offspring forever. Praise the Lord!**

### 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, unhasting 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: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; ST. DENIO Traditional Welsh Hymn Melody

### **Congregational Hymn—Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners**

Jesus! what a friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him,  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. [Refrain.]

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,  
even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.  
[Refrain.]

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,  
storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry.  
[Refrain.]

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find,  
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. [Refrain.]

Text: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

## **Prayer of Adoration**

### **Old Testament Scripture Readings—Psalm 139:1–12 and Isaiah 57:15**

O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,” even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

## **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

(The pastoral prayer is an opportunity to bring the needs of our world, our nation, our city, and our own local body before the throne of God. It is a privilege to bring wide-ranging and specific needs to the Lord. This week you may notice that we do not have a specific header of confession and assurance listed, though it is a vital element of worship. This morning it is included in the pastoral prayer, much like we do most Sunday evenings. We humbly confess our sins in eager anticipating of his assurance of grace and mercy. In this confidence we pour out our needs before him.)

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

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

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.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, he, the perfect Son of Man.  
In his living, in his suffering, 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.

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.

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.

Text and Music: Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Michael Bleecker ©2013 The Village Church

## **Prayer of Illumination**

## **Preaching of the Word—1 Samuel 1:1–2:11**

THE GOD WHO SEES AND SAVES

Derek Wells

# **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

## **Invitation, Fencing of the Table, and the Words of Institution**

### **Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

#### **Ministry in Music—Come, Ye Disconsolate**

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,  
come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;  
earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,  
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!  
Here speaks the comforter, tenderly saying,  
"Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot cure."

Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing  
forth from the throne of God, pure from above.  
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing  
earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

Text: Thomas Moore, 1816; Music: Greg Wilbur

#### **Congregational Hymn—Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed**

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sov'reign die!  
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in,  
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;  
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;  
here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1800

## **Closing Prayer**

### **Congregational Song—I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)**

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus, the Nazarene,  
and wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain: How marvelous, how wonderful! and my song shall ever be:  
how marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows; he made them his very own;  
he bore the burden to Calv'ry and suffered and died alone. [Refrain.]

When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see,  
'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me. [Refrain.]

Text and Music: Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

## **Benediction**

## **Called Congregational Meeting**

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Derek Wells; Assisting Pastoral Intern: Andrew Lingg;  
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins;  
Instrumental Director: Scott VanPatter

© All music UBP CCLI # 260344. All Scripture quotes from ESV. Used by permission.

## **SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.**

### **Announcements and Greeting**

#### **Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 62:1–2, 5–7**

Leader: Let your soul wait for God alone; from him comes salvation.

**ALL: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;  
I shall not be greatly shaken.**

Leader: For God alone waits in silence; for your hope is from him.

**ALL: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;  
I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation  
and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

#### **Congregational Hymn—#30 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

### **Prayer of Adoration**

#### **Responsive Scripture Reading—Psalm 91 T. H. #817**

#### **Congregational Hymn—**

**#402 Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide**

### **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Congregational Hymn—#477 Are You Weary, Are You Languid?**

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!"

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.]

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 Geroge, 2020

## **Preaching of the Word—2 Corinthians 1:1–7**

COMFORT IN AFFLICTIONS—Mike Kruger

## **Congregational Hymn—#167 When Morning Gilds the Skies**

## **Benediction**

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor Dr. Mike Kruger; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Tom Groelsema;  
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash

© All music UBP CCLI # 260344. All Scripture quotes are from the ESV. Used by permission.

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.

## SENIOR STAFF

Kevin DeYoung, Senior Pastor  
kdeyoung@christcovenant.org

Tom Groelsema, Executive Pastor  
tgroelsema@christcovenant.org

Dave Baxter, Pastor of Congregational Life  
dbaxter@christcovenant.org

Bruce Creswell, Pastor of Senior Adults  
and Visitation  
bcreswell@christcovenant.org

Zach Fulginiti, Pastor of Campus Ministry  
Zachary.Fulginiti@campusoutreach.org

Nathan George, Pastor of Worship  
ngeorge@christcovenant.org

Mike Miller, Pastor of Outreach and Missions  
mmiller@christcovenant.org

Derek Wells, Pastor of Shepherding  
and Discipleship  
dwells@christcovenant.org

Teresa Caldwell, Director of Women's Ministry  
tcaldwell@christcovenant.org

David Chambers, Director of Middle  
School Ministry  
dchambers@christcovenant.org

Mark Davis, Head of Covenant Day School  
mdavis@covenantday.org

Rick Ely, Director of Operations  
rely@christcovenant.org

Bob Goudzwaard, Director of Pastoral Care  
bgoudzwaard@christcovenant.org

Sandy Spitz, Senior Director of Church  
Administration  
sspitz@christcovenant.org

Amy Wallace, Director of Children's Ministry  
awallace@christcovenant.org

Blair Smith, Adult Education Coordinator  
bsmith@christcovenant.org

Mike Kruger, Teacher in Residence  
mkruger@rts.edu

## NEW TO CHRIST COVENANT?

We hope you will visit the Guest Center in the main lobby so we can meet you!  
Interested in knowing more about Christ Covenant Church? Please contact Michelle  
Gustavson, Engagement and Connections Ministry Manager, at  
mgustavson@christcovenant.org. Interested in a small group? Please contact Tom Buitert,  
Assistant Director of Small Groups, at tbuitert@christcovenant.org.