

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

October 31, 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

In several songs today, we are emphasizing the singing of the congregation by singing a cappella (with no instruments). One of the most profound changes during the reformation was the effort to engage the congregation in worship. Rather than the priests and professionals performing worship for the congregation, now the people sang, confessed sins publicly, and professed their faith together. Further, alongside the preaching of the Word, Psalm singing became a central part of worship. Today we will sing from two Psalms (Psalms 1, 100); plus, our first hymn is based on Psalm 46 and our final hymn is based on Psalm 48. While the reformation was certainly about theological fidelity to the Scriptures, it was equally about reforming the way we worship. Its heart was to allow the people of God to worship God, not through earthly mediators, but only through the one true mediator, Jesus Christ.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—2 Timothy 2:11–13

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Introit—With One Heart

With one heart and one voice we will glorify the Lord
As we learn together to sing with one accord.
Though each one here is different in so many ways,
We can all join together in one song of praise.
With one heart and one voice we come now to sing,
Raising one alleluia to Christ, our King.

Lord, you have shown us your mercy, you've shown us forgiveness each day.
Now help us to love one another and show the world your spirit of grace.

With one heart and one voice we will glorify the Lord
As we learn together to sing with one accord.
So come ev'ry nation with voices raised.
We can all join together in one song of praise.
With one heart and one voice we come now to sing,
Raising one alleluia to Christ our King, raising one alleluia to Christ, our King.

Text: Romans 15:6; Music: Mark Patterson

Call to Worship— Psalm 46:1–11

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

ALL: **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble
at its swelling.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

*Choir: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.*

ALL: **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice,
the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob
is our fortress.**

Leader: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought
desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end
of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

*Choir: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted
among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"*

ALL: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A might - y fort - res is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 That Word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; Were not the right man on our side, the
 do - us, We will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre -vail - ing: For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing: Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us: The Prince of Dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth: Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth, his Name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 From age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 For lo, his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Text: Based on Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529; Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Psalm—Psalm 100: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with -
 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
 For why? the Lord our God with is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his
 out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
 proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 mer - cy is for ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Text: Psalm 100, William Kethe, 1561; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH

New Testament Scripture Reading—Romans 7:21–25

I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God!

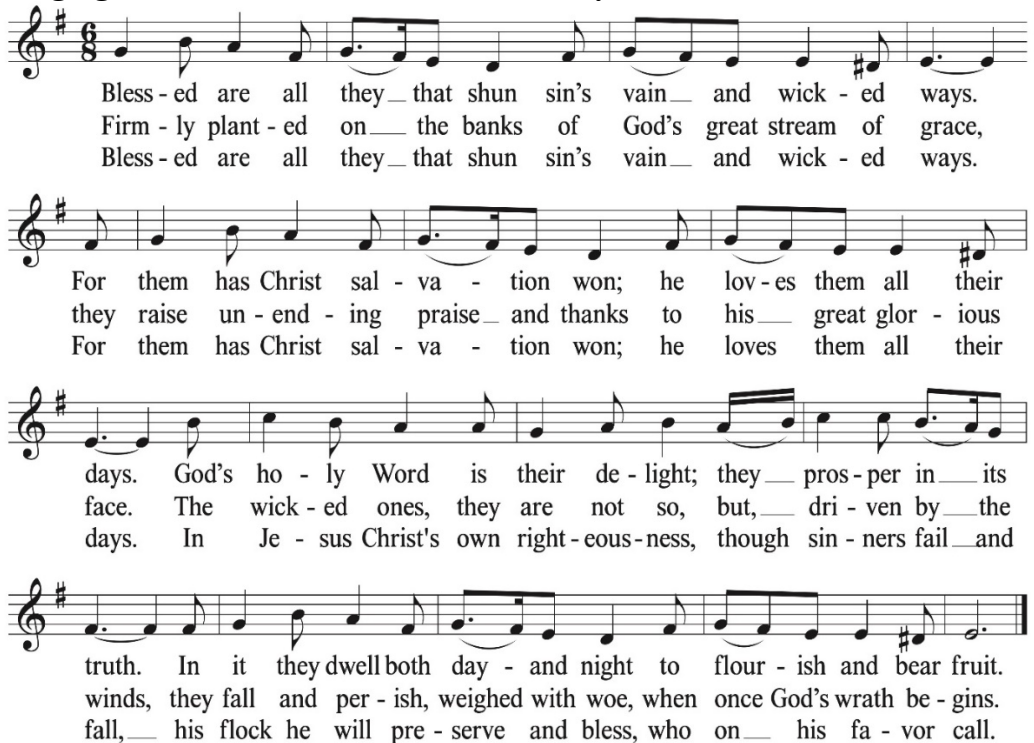
Prayer of Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace—Romans 5:6–8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Congregational Psalm—Blessed Are All They



The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with three lines of lyrics underneath. The lyrics are from Psalm 1. The melody is simple and suitable for congregational singing.

Bless - ed are all they_ that shun sin's vain_ and wick - ed ways.
Firm - ly plant - ed on_ the banks of God's great stream of grace,
Bless - ed are all they_ that shun sin's vain_ and wick - ed ways.

For them has Christ sal - va - tion won; he lov - es them all their
they raise un - end - ing praise_ and thanks to his_ great glor - ious
For them has Christ sal - va - tion won; he loves them all their

days. God's ho - ly Word is their de - light; they_ pros - per in_ its
face. The wick - ed ones, they are not so, but,_ dri - ven by_ the
days. In Je - sus Christ's own right - eous - ness, though sin - ners fail_ and

truth. In it they dwell both day - and night to flour - ish and bear fruit.
winds, they fall and per - ish, weighed with woe, when once God's wrath be - gins.
fall,_ his flock he will pre - serve and bless, who on_ his fa - vor call.

Text: Psalm 1; Music Nathan Clark George

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—The Church's One Foundation

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

The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord:
E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won:

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Text: Folliett Pierpoint, 1864; Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1838, arr. William Monk, 1861

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Genesis 28:10–22

STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
O - pen now the cry - stal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my an - xious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy power - ful hand.
let the fire and cloud - y - pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through.
death of deaths, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on Can - aan's side.

Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en, feed me till I want no more;
Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and shield;
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to thee;

feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee.

Text: William Williams, 1775; Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Huges 1907

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Tom Groelsema;
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins;
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SERMON NOTES

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 81:1–3, 4, 11, 10, 13, 16

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song; sound the tambourine and the sweet lyre with the harp.

ALL: Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day. For it is a statute for Israel, a rule of the God of Jacob.

Leader: He made a decree saying, "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. But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!"

ALL: Therefore, turn to him and worship the Lord, for he will feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock he will satisfy you.

Congregational Hymn—#57 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Congregational Hymn—#148 How Shall the Young Direct Their Way?

Prayer of Adoration

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Preaching of the Word

THE WEAKNESS OF MAN AND THE PERMANENCE OF THE WORD:
THE LIFE OF JOHN CALVIN

Kevin DeYoung

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

Benediction

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SERMON NOTES

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 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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