



CHRIST COVENANT — CHURCH —

SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ ONLINE EDITION
THE LORD'S DAY ~ November 7, 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

In the Scriptures, passing through the desert is a metaphor for this life leading to the next. In this desert the Lord places an oasis; he sets a feast before weary travelers. This feast points to the great feast when all the saints lay down their labors and enter eternal rest. There may be times when we feel hopeless in the storm, but for all who take delight in his word, there is a table filled with food and a land flowing with milk and honey. The streams of living water binds up all our wounds.

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Revelation 19:9

And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

Introit

Call to Worship—Isaiah 25:1, 8-9

Leader: O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

ALL: On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

Leader: He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

ALL: It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Congregational Hymn—For All the Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Text: William Walsham How, 1864; Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Prayer of Adoration

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Numbers 20:6–13

Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them, and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle." And Moses took the staff from before the LORD, as he commanded him. Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?" And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them." These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel quarreled with the LORD, and through them he showed himself holy.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace

Congregational Psalm—Blessed Are All They

Blessed are all they that shun sin's vain and wicked ways.
For them has Christ salvation won; he loves them all their days.
God's holy Word is their delight; they prosper in its truth.
In it they dwell both day and night to flourish and bear fruit.

Firmly planted on the banks of God's great stream of grace,
they raise unending praise and thanks to his great glorious face.
The wicked ones, they are not so, but, driven by the winds,
they fall and perish, weighed with woe,
when once God's wrath begins.

Blessed are all they that shun sin's vain and wicked ways.
For them has Christ salvation won; he loves them all their days.
In Jesus Christ's own righteousness, though sinners fail and fall,
his flock he will preserve and bless, who on his favor call.

Text: Psalm 1; Music Nathan Clark George

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Our Great God

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

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and yet unknown,
Your boundless love, unfailing grace and mercy shown;
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne,
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Refrain: Hallelujah! glory be to our great God.
Hallelujah! glory be to our great God.

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm,
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms;
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm;
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God. [Refrain.]

Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird,
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth,
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. [Refrain.]

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Psalm 78:1–29

A TABLE IN THE WILDERNESS

Tom Groelsema

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Congregational Song—We Will Feast in the House of Zion

[Refrain.] We will feast in the house of Zion;
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together;
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire; he is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up.
[Refrain.]

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid,
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. [Refrain.]

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the faithful one,
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together bring shalom.
[Refrain.]

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Closing Prayer

Congregational Hymn—There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains;
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die;
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave,
then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing thy pow'r to save:
I'll sing thy pow'r to save, I'll sing thy pow'r to save;
then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing thy pow'r to save.

Text: William Cowper, 1771; Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Tom Groelsema; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Mike Miller;
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 145:10–13

Leader: Let all your works give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints bless you!

**ALL: Speak of the glory of his kingdom and tell of his power,
to make known to the children of man his mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of his kingdom.**

Leader: Praise him, for his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and his dominion endures throughout all generations.

**ALL: Say aloud, "The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works."**

Congregational Hymn—#4 All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Prayer of Adoration

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Job 32:8

But it is the spirit in man, the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand.

New Testament Scripture Reading—1 John 3:1–3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Congregational Hymn—#334 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#605 All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Preaching of the Word—Luke 23:36-43

AMAZING GRACE

Mike Kruger

Congregational Psalm—#64 God, the Lord, a King Remaineth

Benediction



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

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

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