

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

March 27, 2022

WELCOME TO CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

We are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting for the first time or you've been here for years, we encourage you to look through the bulletin as you prepare for worship. Often, there will be some theme or main idea sprinkled throughout. Some elements of the service may be familiar to you, while other aspects might feel new. Either way, it will help to keep the basic pattern of worship in mind: praise, renewal, proclamation, and response. We encourage you to take a bulletin home for further reading and prayer. Finally, if you don't have a Bible, feel free to take one from the pew as our gift to you.

IN PREPARATION

There is something about the idea of 'home' that points to a deep yearning in the human heart. Today we pray that God will guide us home, will dwell with us, gather us from among the nations, and bring us to our heavenly home. How sweet and awesome is that place. "Safe into thy haven guide, O receive my soul at last!"

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—2 Corinthians 6:16b

We are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Introit

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 126

Leader: Give praise to the LORD, for he restores his people. Let your mouth be filled with laughter, and your tongue with shouts of joy!

ALL: Say among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us and we are glad.

Leader: Let those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!

ALL: All you who have gone out weeping, come home with shouts of joy!

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#), indicating D major. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
Time, like an ev - er - rol - ling stream, bears all its sons a - way;
O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come:

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fence is sure.
from e - ver - las - ting thou art God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ri - sing sun.
they fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op - 'ning day.
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

Text: from Psalm 19, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Psalm—The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want.
 My soul he doth re - store a - gain;
 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
 My ta - ble thou hast furn - ish - ed
 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life

He makes me down to lie in past - ures green;
 and me to walk doth make with - in the paths
 yet will I fear no ill; For thou art with
 in pre - sence of my foes; For my head thou dost
 shall sure - ly fol - low me; and in God's house

he lead - eth me the qui - et wat - ers by.
 of right - eous - ness, ev'n for his own name's sake.
 me; and thy rod and staff my com - fort still.
 with oil a - noint, and my cup ov - er - flows.
 for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: Psalm 23, Scottish Psalter, 1650; Music: CRIMOND, Jesse Seymour Irvine, 1871

Old Testament Scripture Reading— 2 Chronicles 6:18–21

“But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you, that your eyes may be open day and night toward this house, the place where you have promised to set your name, that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. And listen to the pleas of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen from heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—Psalm 32:1–2, 5, 11

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD
counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

ALL: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Leader: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy,
all you upright in heart!

Congregational Hymn—How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words split across lines. A triplet of eighth notes is marked in the second system. The score ends with a double bar line.

How sweet and awe - some is the place With
"Why was I made to hear thy voice, And
'Twas the same love that spread the feast That
Pit - y the na - tions, O our God, Con -
We long to see thy church - es full, That

Christ with in the doors, While ev - er - last - ing
en - ter while there's room, When thou - sands make a
sweet - ly drew us in; Else we had still re -
strain the earth to come; Send thy vic - to - rious
all the cho - sen race May with one voice and

love dis - plays The choic - est of her stores.
wretch - ed choice, And rath - er starve than come?"
fused to taste, And per - ished in our sin.
Word a - broad, And bring the strang - ers home.
heart and soul, Sing thy re - deem - ing grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: ST. COLUMBIA C.M. Old Irish melody

Giving of Tithes and Offerings—1 Chronicles 29:9

Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD.

Offertory—Father, Forgive

O Father, forgive our sins. We are helpless. We have lost our way.

O Father, forgive our sins. In your mercy, save us! Hear our cry!

On a cross of grief and pain, Jesus suffered for our shame.

Such amazing love he showed. What a debt to him we owe.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison, eleison.

(O Lord, have mercy. O Christ, have mercy. Have mercy upon us.)

Text Susan Naus Dengler; Music: Lee Dengler

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.

Congregational Song—Across the Lands

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

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began;
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.

Refrain: You're the author of creation, you're the God of ev'ry man
And your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you calmed the sea;
Yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free. [Refrain.]

With a shout you rose victorious, wrestling victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home. [Refrain.]

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Genesis 35:1–36:43

MORE BLESSINGS AND BACK TO BETHEL

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—#508 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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;
Instrumental Director: Joseph Foucachon; Youth Choir
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SERMON NOTES

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 119:12–16

Leader: Come and bless the LORD; he will teach his statutes!

ALL: With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.

Leader: Delight in the way of his testimonies as much as in all riches.

**ALL: I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.
I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

Prayer of Invocation

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

Congregational Hymn—#189 Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hades. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading—Romans 12:14–21

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#597 Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

Preaching of the Word—Matthew 5:38–48

A DIFFERENT KIND OF LOVE

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—#644 May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George;
Organist: Pam Eash

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SERMON NOTES

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

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We hope you will visit the Guest Center in the main lobby so we can meet you!
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