



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ ONLINE EDITION

THE LORD'S DAY ~ January 29, 2023

that in everything he might be preeminent. —Colossians 1:18

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

Presbyterians have a bit of a reputation for talking about sin a lot. The main reason for this is that we also love to talk about grace a lot. The more we understand what offends God, the more we are amazed and grateful for his mercy. The deeper we understand sin, the deeper we get grace. Today's service is not intended to be a morbid-self-reflection. Rather, it's intended to help us make repentance and forgiveness before God and one another a way of life.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Matthew 18:21–22

Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Introit

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 116:1, 5, 7, 17, 19

Leader: Love the LORD you God, for he hears your voice
and your pleas for mercy.

**ALL: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.**

Leader: Return to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully
with you. Offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on
the name of the LORD.

**ALL: Come into the courts of the house of the LORD,
O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

Congregational Hymn—O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Text: Based on Psalm 104, Robert Grant, 1833; Music: LYONS, Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

Prayer of Adoration

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! 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

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Exodus 20:4–6

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

New Testament Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:15–20

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Corporate Prayer of Confession of Sin—

Modified from a prayer by Anselm of Canterbury

O plenteous source of every good and perfect gift, shed abroad the cheering light of your sevenfold grace over our hearts. Yes, Spirit of love and gentleness, we most humbly implore your assistance. You know our faults, our failings, our necessities, the dullness of our understanding, the waywardness of our affections, the perverseness of our will. When, therefore, we neglect to practice what we know, visit us, we ask you, with your grace, enlighten our minds, rectify our desires, correct our wanderings, and pardon our omissions, so that by your guidance we may be preserved from making shipwreck of faith, and keep a good conscience, and may at length be landed safe in the haven of eternal rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congregational Hymn—God Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

Text: From Psalm 51, The Psalter 1912; Music: REDHEAD, Richard Redhead, 1853

Assurance of Grace—Hebrews 10:21–22

Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—God and God Alone

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

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence;
and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then shall I teach transgressors thy ways;
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.*

Text: Psalm 51:10–13; Music: Carl Mueller

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
and sin would reduce me to utter despair;
but, through thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
and he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
and weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own,
and the covenant love of thy crucified Son;
all praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Text: John Stoker; Music: Sandra McCracken

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Leviticus 4:1–5:13

MISERABLE OFFENDERS, MERCIFUL GOD

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Song—His Mercy Is More

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

[Refrain] Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn'
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more. [Refrain]

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment. His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more. [Refrain]

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Benediction

If you have a prayer need or need to speak with an elder,
they will be available at the front of the Worship Center
following the morning service.



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

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Bruce Creswell;
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George;
Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins; Instrumental Director: Joseph Foucachon
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 118:2–4

ALL: Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”
Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Psalm—#302 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 27, T. H. p. 793

Old Testament Scripture Reading— Genesis 2:18–25

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Parents, you may escort your pre-school aged children to (B-106)

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#535 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

Preaching of the Word—Song of Solomon

GOD'S RULES FOR ROMANCE

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Song—The Love of God

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave his Son to win;
His erring child, he reconciled and pardoned from his sin.

[Refrain] O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure the saints' and angels' song!

Could we with ink the ocean fill
and were the skies of parchment made,
Were ev'ry tree on earth a quill and ev'ry man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
though stretched from sky to sky. [Refrain]

Text: Frederick Martin Lehman; Music: Meir Ben Isaac Nehorai, arr. Sara Groves

Benediction

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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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