



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

January 29, 2023

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

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 Song—O Worship the King

O wor - ship the King, all glor - ious a - bove,
 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 Frail child - ren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing His power and His love;
 Whose robe is the light, Whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, Your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;

Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
 And round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 Our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, 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

Je - sus! what a friend for sin - ners! Je - sus!
Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me
Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than

lov - er of my soul; friends may fail me, foes as -
hide my - self in him, tempt - ed, tried, and some - times
all in him I find, he hath grant - ed me for -

sail - me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah, what a friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

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 Psalm—God Be Merciful to Me

God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by Thy wrath and judg - ment just,
Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it right and true;
Sin - ners then shall learn from me and re - turn, O God, to Thee;

Plen - teous in com - pas - sion Thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
Let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear Thy voice;
cast me not a - way from thee, let thy Spir - it dwell in me;
Sa - vior, all my guilt re - move, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;

Wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.
thy sal - va - tion's joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart.
Touch my si - lent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise ac - cord.

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—Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God

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 mer - cy, my God, is the theme of my song,
With - out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;
Thy mer - cy is more than a match for my heart,
Great Fa - ther of mer - cies, thy good - ness I own,



the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
and sin would re - duce me to ut - ter de - spair;
which won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part;
and the cov - e - nant love of thy cru - ci - fied Son;



thy free grace a - lone, from the first to the last,
but, through thy free good - ness, my spir - its re - vive,
dis - solved by thy good - ness, I fall to the ground,
all praise to the Spir - it, whose whis - per di - vine



hath won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast.
and he that first made me still keeps me a - live.
and weep to the praise of the mer - cy I've found.
seals mer - cy, and par - don, and right - eous - ness 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 re - mem - ber, no wrongs we have done?
 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?
 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us.

Om - nis - cient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum.
 What Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home?
 His blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.

Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;
 He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;—
 We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;—

our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
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 our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,
 new eve - ry morn'; our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.

Text and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa ©2016 Getty Music Songs

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.

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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SERMON NOTES

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 grea - ter far than tongue or pen can ev - er
Could we with ink the o - cean fill and were the skies of parch - ment



tell; It goes be - yond the high - est star and reach - es to the low - est
made, Were ev - 'ry tree on earth a quill and ev - 'ry man a scribe by —



hell; The gui - lty pair, bowed down with care, God gave his Son to —
trade, To write the love of God a - bove would drain the o - cean



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win; His err - ing child, he re - con - ciled and par - doned from his sin.
dry; Nor could the scroll con - tain the whole, though stretched from sky to — sky.



O love of God, how rich and pure! How mea - sure - less — and



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strong! It shall for - ev - er - more en - dure - the saints' and an - gels' song!

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

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is committed to worshipping God, making disciples, loving one another,
and serving the body of Christ.

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