



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY

April 16, 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

We love resurrection songs, and one Sunday is not quite enough to fit them all in. Thankfully, we are in the "Easter Season," which is the 40 days from the resurrection of Jesus to his ascension. While we gladly sing of Christ's victory over death throughout the year, over the next several weeks we will intentionally call attention to this foundational and world-changing event: Christ rose from the dead! At the same time, we will still reflect on where we are in Leviticus, and this week we consider what Christ accomplished by the shedding of blood.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

### Announcements and Greeting

#### Scripture Meditation—1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

#### Introit—O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord

*O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name;  
From early morn to setting sun his might on earth proclaim.  
His laws are just and glad the heart; he makes his mercies known;  
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.*

Text and Music: Christopher Tye

#### Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 36:7–9

Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of the Lord!  
Take refuge in the shadow of his wings. Come and feast  
in the abundance of his house, drink from the river  
of his delights.

**ALL:** Praise the Lord! For with God alone is the fountain  
of life, and in his light do we see light.

## Prayer of Invocation

### Congregational Song—Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

1. How can it be, the one who died has born our sin through  
2. For joy a - wakes as dawn - ing light, when Christ's dis - ci - ples  
3. Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they saw him and their  
4. Once bound by fear now bold in faith, they preach the truth and  
5. The pow'r that raised him from the grave now works in us to

sac - ri - fice, to con - quer ev' - ry sting of death?  
lift their eyes, a - live he stands, their friend and King!  
hearts be - lieved, that blessed are those who have not seen,  
pow'r of grace. In pour - ing out their lives they gave  
pow'r-fully save. He frees our hearts to live his grace.

Sing, sing hal - le - lu - jah! [Chorus after vs. 2, 4 & 5]  
Christ, Christ, he is ri - sen. Christ is ri-sen, he is ri-sen in-deed!  
yet sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!"  
life, life ev - er last - ing.  
Go, tell of his good - ness!

Oh, sing hal - le - lu - jah. Join the chor-us, sing with the re-deemed

*After last Chorus*  
"Christ is ri-sen, he is ri-sen in - deed." (He's a-live,) **He's a-live!** (He's a-live,)

**He's a-live!** Heav-en's gates are op - en wide! (He's a-live,)

*Last time lower notes*  
**He's a-live!** (He's a-live,) **He's a-live!** Now in heav-en glor-ri-fied.

Text and Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend ©2005 Thankyou Music

## Prayer of Adoration

## Congregational Hymn—

### I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Glory Hallelujah



I\_\_ know that my re - deem - er lives, glor-y, hal-le - lu - jah!

He\_\_ lives to bless me\_\_ with His love; glor-y, hal-le - lu - jah!

He\_\_ lives to crush the\_\_ fiends of hell; glor-y, hal-le - lu - jah!

He\_\_ lives, tri - um - phant from the grave; glor-y, hal-le - lu - jah!\_\_



What com-fort this sweet sen - tence gives, glor-y, hal-le - lu - jah!

He\_\_ lives to plead my\_\_ cause a - bove; glor-y, hal-le - lu - jah!

He\_\_ lives and doth with - in me dwell; glor-y, hal-le - lu - jah!

He\_\_ lives, e - ter - nal - ly to save! glor-y, hal-le - lu - jah!



Shout on, pray on, we're gain-ing ground, glor - y, hal-le - lu - jah!



The dead's a - live, and the lost is found, glor-y, hal-le - lu - jah!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1775;

Music: SHOUT ON, Samuel Wood, *The Sacred Harp*, 1850; arr. Henry Haffner, 2017

## Old Testament Scripture Reading— 1 Samuel 14:24, 31-43

And the men of Israel had been hard pressed that day, so Saul had laid an oath on the people, saying, “Cursed be the man who eats food until it is evening and I am avenged on my enemies.” So none of the people had tasted food.

...They struck down the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon. And the people were very faint. The people pounced on the spoil and took sheep and oxen and calves and slaughtered them on the ground. And the people ate them with the blood. Then they told Saul, “Behold, the people are sinning against the LORD by eating with the blood.” And he said, “You have dealt treacherously; roll a great stone to me here.” And Saul said, “Disperse yourselves among the people and say to them, ‘Let every man bring his ox or his sheep and slaughter them here and eat, and do not sin against the LORD by eating with the blood.’”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayer of Confession of Sin**

### **Assurance of Grace—Revelation 7:13–14**

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

### **Congregational Hymn—There Is Power in the Blood**

Would you be free from the burden of sin?

There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;

Would you o'er evil a victory win?

There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

[Refrain] There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r  
In the blood of the Lamb.

There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r  
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?

There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;

Sin-stains are lost in its life-giving flow;

There's wonderful pow'r in the blood. [Refrain]

Text: Lewis Jones; Music: POWER IN THE BLOOD, Lewis Jones

## **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory—I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

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

*I want to walk as a child of the Light; I want to follow Jesus.*

*God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.*

*In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.*

*The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.*

*Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.*

Text: Kathleen Thomerson; Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

## Sacrament of Baptism

### Covenant Baptism

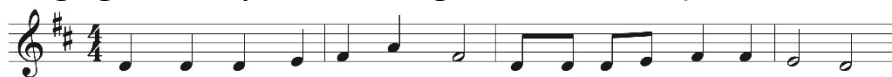
Caroline Faith Atwood  
Daughter of Dan and Sara Atwood

Kevin James DeVries  
Son of Kyle and Hannah DeVries

Gloria Margaret Pope  
Daughter of Asher and Elaine Pope

## Pastoral Prayer

### Congregational Hymn—Nothing but the Blood of Jesus



What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
For my cleans-ing this I see, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
Noth-ing can for sin a - tone: Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
This is all my hope and peace, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;



What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
For my par - don this my plea, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
Naught of good that I have done: Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
This is all my right-eous - ness, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.



Oh! pre-cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;



No oth-er fount I know, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Text: Robert Lowery, 1876; Music: PLAINFIELD, Robert Lowerly, 1876

## Prayer of Illumination

### Preaching of the Word—Leviticus 17

THERE'S POWER IN THE BLOOD

Kevin DeYoung

## Congregational Hymn—There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a foun-tain filled with blood drawn from Em-man-uel's veins;  
 The dy-ing thief re-joiced to see that foun-tain in his day;  
 E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flow-ing wounds sup-ply,  
 Dear dy-ing Lamb, thy pre-cious blood shall nev-er lose its power,  
 When this poor lis-ping, stam-m'ring tongue lies si-lent in the grave,

and sin-ners plunged be-neath that flood lose all their guilt-y stains;  
 and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a-way;  
 re-deem-ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die;  
 till all the ran-somed church of God be saved, to sin no more;  
 then in a no-bler, sweet-er song I'll sing thy pow'r to save:

lose all their guilt-y stains, lose all their guilt-y stains;  
 washed all my sins a-way, washed all my sins a-way;  
 and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
 be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
 I'll sing thy pow'r to save, I'll sing thy pow'r to save;

and sin-ners plunged be-neath that flood lose all their guilt-y stains.  
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Text: William Cowper, 1771; Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830

## Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Joel May;  
 Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins;  
 Instrumental Director: Joseph Foucachon; Ladies Ensemble  
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## SERMON NOTES



## Announcements and Greeting

### Call to Worship—Psalm 9:1–2, 9, 18

Leader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

**ALL:** I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise  
to your name, O Most High.

Leader: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold  
in times of trouble.

**ALL:** For the needy shall not always be forgotten,  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

### Congregational Hymn—#660 O God Beyond All Praising

## Prayer of Adoration

### Old Testament Scripture Reading—Proverbs 30:8–9

Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor  
riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny  
*thee*, and say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take  
the name of my God *in vain*.

### New Testament Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:19–21

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust  
doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up  
for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth  
corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where  
your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

### 1 Timothy 6:17–19

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once  
walked, Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not  
highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who  
giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be  
rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to  
communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation  
against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

**Congregational Hymn—**

**#230 Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor**

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Congregational Hymn—#642 Be Thou My Vision**

**Preaching of the Word—Luke 16:1–13**

**BE WISE WITH YOUR WEALTH**

**Tom Groelsema**

**Congregational Hymn—#565 All for Jesus!**

**Benediction**

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Tom Groelsema; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Derek Wells;  
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George

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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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