



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY

April 30, 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

Today we will hear the call to love the Lord with all the heart, sing of his steadfast love, and remember that his love shall never end. This love is then worked out in the real world with our neighbors, our families, and our communities. It works itself out in mercy, justice, and in our speech. That is, we love because he first loved us.

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

### Announcements and Greeting

### Scripture Meditation—Mark 12:33

To love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

### Introit—St. Patrick's Breastplate

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

Text: *Atomring indui níurt tren*, St. Patrick, tr. Cecil Frances Alexander;  
Music: ST. PATRICK, CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish hymn melody

### Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 89:1–2, 14–15

Leader: Sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with your mouth make known his faithfulness  
to all generations.

**ALL:** We will say, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;  
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

Leader: Let it be said that righteousness and justice  
are the foundation of his throne; steadfast love  
and faithfulness go before him.

**ALL:** Shout to the LORD! For blessed are the people  
who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD,  
in the light of your face!

## Prayer of Invocation

### Congregational Hymn—Come Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
On heav-en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843.; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody, arr. David Evans, 1927

## Prayer of Adoration

## **New Testament Scripture Reading—1 Peter 3:8–12**

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayer of Confession of Sin**

### **Assurance of Grace—1 Peter 3:18**

Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

## **Communicant Recognition**

Makenna Aitchison

Mya Aitchison

Ellie Allen

Ava Andrade

Nora Kate Baxter

Briana Boland

Emma Byrd

Avery Canupp

Joshua Deaton

Mary DeYoung

Noah Fikkert

Silas Fikkert

Sophie Fuderer

Ava Garvey

Juliet Harbin

Luke Helmer

Ava Helms

Libbie Kasten

Sam Ketchie Silver

Adelina Knight

Liam Massengill

Brie Narveson

Ames Ornsby

Grace Peterson

Lydia Peterson

Ella Reeves

Madi Reeves

Emily Shanko

Emmerson Skipper

Graham Smith

Maggie Smith

Aaron Wanamaker

Emory Weir

Evangeline Weir

Asher Wells

Ryker Wiersma

## Communicant Baptism

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory—The Cross

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

*The cross before me to lead, the cross behind me to defend,  
The cross below me to uphold, the cross beside me to befriend,  
The cross above me to inspire, the cross within me to consume,  
O cross surround me with your power, enfold my life, my soul, my all.*

*The cross each morning when I rise, the cross each evening while I sleep,  
The cross I see before my eyes, the cross upon my lips I speak.  
The cross be all that I would hear, the cross be all that I believe,  
The cross be with me in this life, the cross be with me when I leave.*

*The cross before me, the cross behind me, the cross within me,  
The cross is all I need.*

Text: Pamela Martin; Music: Craig Courtney

## Pastoral Prayer

## Congregational Song—Only a Holy God



Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en?  
What oth - er beau - ty de - mands such prais - es?  
What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?  
Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?



Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?  
What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?  
What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?  
Who else would of - fer his on - ly Son?



Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles? On - ly a ho - ly God.  
What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with jus - tice? On - ly a ho - ly God.  
What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed? On - ly a ho - ly God.  
Who else in - vites me to call him Fath - er? On - ly a ho - ly God.



Come and be - hold him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing ho - ly,



for - ev - er a ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the ho - ly God. \_\_\_\_

Text and Music: Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson © 2016 CityAlight Music

## Prayer of Illumination

## Preaching of the Word—Leviticus 19

### THE LEVITICAL LAW OF LOVE

Kevin DeYoung

## Congregational Hymn—Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing ech - oes of your tone;  
O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre-cious things you do im - part;  
O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my ver - y heart o'er - flow;  
O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you will and when and where;

as you have sought, so let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.  
and wing my words, that they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
in kin - dling thought and glow - ing word your love to tell, your praise to show.  
un - til your bless - ed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Text: Frances Havergal, 1872; Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1839

## 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  
© All music UBP CCLI # 260344. All Scripture quotes from ESV. Used by permission.

## SERMON NOTES



## **Announcements and Greeting**

### **Call to Worship—Isaiah 12:2–6**

Leader: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**ALL: And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.”**

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

**ALL: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

## **Congregational Hymn—#66 God Is Known Among His People**

## **Prayer of Adoration**

## **Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 34, T. H. p. 796–797**

### **New Testament Scripture Reading—1 Peter 1:8–12**

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

## **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

## Ministry in Music—

### #244 He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions

#### Congregational Song—Speak O Lord



Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re-ceive the food of your  
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -  
Speak, O Lord, and re-new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your  
ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and  
mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
plans for us— truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will  
fash-ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be  
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise; cause our  
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your  
seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord,  
eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r  
prom-is - es, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord,  
and ful - fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry,  
that can nev - er fail— let their truth pre-vail o - ver un-be-lief.  
till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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

#### Preaching of the Word—Luke 16:19–31

### THE PARABLE OF THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

Joel May

#### Congregational Hymn—#32 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#### Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Joel May; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Bruce Creswell;  
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Joy Singers

© All music UBP CCLI # 260344. All Scripture quotes from ESV. Used by permission.

## 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.

## SENIOR STAFF

Kevin DeYoung, Senior Pastor  
kdeyoung@christcovenant.org

Tom Groelsema, Executive Pastor  
tgroelsema@christcovenant.org

Dave Baxter, Pastor of Congregational Life  
dbaxter@christcovenant.org

Bruce Creswell, Pastor of Senior Adults and  
Visitation  
bcreswell@christcovenant.org

Zach Fulginiti, Pastor of Campus Ministry  
zachary.fulginiti@campusoutreach.org

Nathan George, Pastor of Worship  
ngeorge@christcovenant.org

Joel May, Pastor of Youth Ministry  
jmay@christcovenant.org

Mike Miller, Pastor of Outreach and Missions  
mmiller@christcovenant.org

Eric Russ, Pastor of Evangelism and Mobilization  
eruss@christcovenant.org

Derek Wells, Pastor of Shepherding and  
Discipleship  
dwells@christcovenant.org

Teresa Caldwell, Director of Women's Ministry  
tcaldwell@christcovenant.org

Mark Helmer, Head of Covenant Day School  
mhelmer@covenantday.org

Rick Ely, Director of Operations  
rely@christcovenant.org

Sandy Spitz, Senior Director of Church  
Administration  
sspitz@christcovenant.org

Amy Wallace, Director of Children's Ministry  
awallace@christcovenant.org

Blair Smith, Adult Education Coordinator  
bsmith@christcovenant.org

## NEW TO CHRIST COVENANT?

We hope you will visit the Guest Center in the main lobby so we can meet you!  
Interested in knowing more about Christ Covenant Church? Please contact Michelle Gustavson,  
Engagement and Connections Ministry Manager, at mgustavson@christcovenant.org.  
Interested in a small group? Please contact Caleb Johnson,  
Small Groups and Young Adults Ministries Coordinator, at calebjohnson@christcovenant.org.

Christ Covenant Church is part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).