



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY

May 14, 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 hear the call to cry out to the Lord in confidence. For many of us our 'crying out' is more like a polite request. But the psalmists both exemplify and call us to approach the throne of grace with a voice of urgency. When there is relative calm in our lives this may feel a bit out of place. But when tragedy hits, when health fails, or when relationships buckle, we need foundational passages and songs which remind us that Christ is our anchor and that we can and should cry out.

### SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

#### **Announcements and Greeting**

#### **Scripture Meditation—Hebrews 6:11–12**

And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

#### **Introit**

#### **Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 61:1–5, 8**

Leader: Let your cry be heard, for God will hear your prayer.  
From all the ends of the earth, call on the Lord  
when your heart is faint.

**ALL: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I,  
for you have been my refuge, a strong tower  
against the enemy.**

Leader: Dwell in the tents of the Lord forever!  
Take refuge under the shelter of his wings!

**ALL: You, O God, have heard my vows.  
So will I ever sing praises to your name!**

#### **Prayer of Invocation**

## Congregational Hymn—Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure founda - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner-stone;  
 To this tem - ple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, to - day;  
 Here vouch - safe to all Thy ser - vants as they ask of Thee to gain;  
 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or to the Son,

Chos - en of the Lord, and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one,  
 With Thy want - ed lov - ing-kind - ness hear Thy ser - vants as they pray.  
 What they gain from Thee for - ev - er and Thy bles - sed rest re - tain,  
 Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er Three and ev - er One;

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 And Thy full - est be - ne - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 And here - af - ter in Thy glor - y ev - er - more with Thee to reign.  
 Con - sub - stan - tial, co - e - ter - nal, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Text: John Mason Neale, 1851; Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Smart, 1876

## Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Psalm—  
The Voice of the Lord Is Over the Waters (Psalm 29)



The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. The God of glo-ry thun-ders free!  
The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. The God of glo-ry thun-ders free!  
The voice of the Lord is flam - ing in fire. The God of glo-ry thun-ders free!



The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. His voice is full of maj - es-ty!  
The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. Be-fore His voice the migh-ty flee!  
The voice of the Lord is shak - ing the for - ests. Cry a - loud in glo - ry!



Give to the Lord, in heav'n-ly chor-us; Give to the Lord, all glo-ry and strength!



Give to the Lord, the glo - ry due His name. Wor - ship the Lord



*Women*

in beau-ty of ho-li - ness. in beau-ty of ho-li - ness.  
(optional) The Lord give his peo-ple peace. The Lord give his peo-ple peace.



*Men*

in beau-ty of ho-li - ness. in beau-ty of ho-li - ness.  
(optional) The Lord give his peo-ple peace. The Lord give his peo-ple peace.

## **New Testament Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 15:1–8**

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

## **Confession of Sin**

### **Corporate Assurance of Grace—Hebrews 10:19–25**

Leader: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and 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.

**ALL:** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

## Congregational Song—Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me



What gift of grace is Je - sus, my re - dee - mer. There is no more for hea - ven now to  
The night is dark, but I am not for - sa - ken, for by my side the Sa - vior, he will  
No fate I dread, I know I am for - gi - ven, the fu - ture sure, the price it has been  
With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has said that he will bring me



give. He is my joy, my rich - teous - ness and free - dom, my stead - fast  
stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re - joi - cing, for in my  
paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don, and he was  
home. And day by day I know he will re - new me un - til I



love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly  
need, his po - wer is dis - played. To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de -  
raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I hold: my sin has been de -  
stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly



Je - sus. For my life is who - lly bound to his. Oh how  
fend me. Through the deep - est val - ley he will lead. Oh the  
fea - ted. Je - sus now, and e - ver, is my plea. Oh the  
Je - sus. All the glo - ry e - ver - more to him. When the



strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory—My Jesus, I Love Thee

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

*My Jesus, I Love thee, I know thou art mine;  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.*

*I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.*

*In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.*

Text William Featherston; Music: Adoniram Gordon, arr. Paul Sjölund

## Pastoral Prayer

### Congregational Song—Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor



Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor, in the fu - ry of the storm;  
Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor, while the tem - pest rag - es on;  
Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor, through the floods of un - be - lief;  
Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor, as we face the wave of death;



when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn;  
when temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle, and it seems the night has won;  
hope - less some-how, O my soul, now, lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry;  
when these trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal breath;



in the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few;  
deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac - cused;  
this my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see his love for - ev - er proved;  
We will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cured;  
Christ the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful ev - er true



I will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.  
I will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.  
I will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.  
and the calm will be the bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dured.  
We will hold fast to the an - chor it shall nev - er be re - moved

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## Prayer of Illumination

### Preaching of the Word—John 20:24–29

#### HOW TO DEAL WITH OUR DOUBTS

Derek Wells

## Congregational Response—How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,  
 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed;  
 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
 "The — soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

is — laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for — I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
 the — riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 I — will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can he say than to you he has said,  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 for that soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to shake,

to — you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake."

Text: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787; Music: FOUNDATION, Traditional American Melody

## 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: Rev. Derek Wells; 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—Based on Isaiah 28:16**

Leader: Come and worship! Trust in the Lord. For he is  
the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone,  
a tested stone, a precious cornerstone,  
of a sure foundation.

**ALL:** Lean up on him alone! For whoever believes will not  
be dismayed.

#### **Congregational Hymn—#381 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship**

### **Prayer of Adoration**

#### **Old Testament Scripture Reading—1 Samuel 1:9–18**

#### **New Testament Scripture Reading—Colossians 4:2–4**

### **Summer Mission Commissioning**

#### **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

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

#### **Congregational Hymn—#308 Jesus Paid It All**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Preaching of the Word—Luke 18:1–8**

PERSEVERING PRAYER AND PRESERVING FAITH

Mike Miller

#### **Congregational Hymn—#528 My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

### **Benediction**

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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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## 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,  
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