



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

June 4, 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

John 1:9 states, "The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world." Life, understanding, knowledge, wisdom, etc. - all of it comes by the light of Christ. When we speak of Christ truthfully, we spread light. But we also must consider how our speech can bring darkness. Today we have the opportunity to confess our need before our Father, run to Christ to be cleansed, and to ask the Spirit to tame our tongues.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—John 1:4–5

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Introit

Call to Worship—Psalm 36:7–9

Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of the Lord our God!
Come, children of mankind, and take refuge in the shadow
of his wings.

**ALL: Come and feast on the abundance of his house,
drink from the river of his delights. For with the Lord
is the fountain of life; in his light do we see light.**

Congregational Hymn—Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - i - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see,

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; ST. DENIO Traditional Welsh Hymn Melody

Prayer of Adoration

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

New Testament Scripture Reading—James 3:5–12

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

Congregational Psalm—All That I Am I Owe to Thee

4/4 time signature. Treble and bass staves. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are: All that I am I owe to thee; Ere in - to be - ing I was brought, Thy thoughts, O God, how man - i - fold, The wick - ed thou sure - ly slay; Search me, O God, my heart dis - cern;

4/4 time signature. Treble and bass staves. The melody continues in the treble staff. The lyrics are: Thy wis - dom, Lord, has fash - ioned me. Thine eye did see, and in thy thought More pre - cious un - to me than gold! From me let sin - ners turn a - way. Try me, my in - most thought to learn;

4/4 time signature. Treble and bass staves. The melody continues in the treble staff. The lyrics are: I give my Mak - er thank - ful praise, My life in all its per - fect plan I muse on their in - fin - i - ty, They speak a - gainst the name di - vine; And lead me, if in sin I stray,

4/4 time signature. Treble and bass staves. The melody continues in the treble staff. The lyrics are: Whose won - drous works my soul a - maze. Was or - dered ere my days be - gan. A - wak - ing I am still with thee. I count God's en - e - mies as mine. To choose the ev - er - last - ing way.

Text: Psalm 139:14–24, The Psalter, 1912; Music: FEDERAL STREET, Henry K. Oliver, 1832

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Leviticus 24

OUR LIGHT AND OUR LANGUAGE

Kevin DeYoung

Prayer of Confession of Sin and Thanksgiving for Assurance

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation, Fencing of the Table, and the Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Congregational Song—Our Only Paschal Lamb



Our on - ly Pas - chal Lamb, who for Is - rael bled,
Spir - it of gos - pel grace, fill your pur - pose here.
Through - out the des - ert way, lead us by your light:



out of the dark - est land, your ran - somed peo - ple led.____
Guard, feed and give us faith and teach us Lord to fear.____
our cool - ing cloud by day, a warm - ing fire by night.____



Our faint - ing souls sus - tain,____ with bless - ing from a - bove,____



and ev - er on your peo - ple rain the man - na of_ your love.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1745, alt. Nathan Clark George, 2012; Music: Nathan Clark George, 2012

Prayer for our Special Offering

Please place all special /monthly communion offering gifts in an envelope (found in pews) and label it 'Special Communion Offering'.

Congregational Song—We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus



We will feast in the house of Zi - on We will sing with our hearts re-stored.



He has done great things, we will say to - geth-er We will feast and weep no more



We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our
In the dark of night, be-fore the dawn, My soul, be not a -
Eve-ry vow we've bro - ken and be-trayed You are the Faith-ful



God. We are not con - sumed, by the flood
fraid, for the prom - ised morn - ing, oh how long?
one And from the gar - den to the grave



Up - held, pro - tec - ted, gath - ered up.
Oh God of Ja - cob, be my strength.
Bind us to - geth - er, bring sha - lom.

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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.

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Joel May;

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SERMON NOTES

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 66:1–4

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory
of his name; give to him glorious praise!

**ALL: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies
come cringing to you.**

Leader: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name.”

Congregational Hymn—#53 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Hymn—#392 O Day of Rest and Gladness

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Exodus 20:8–11

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

New Testament Scripture Reading—Hebrews 4:1–10

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest,”” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words

already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#524 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Preaching of the Word—Genesis 2:1–3

GOD RESTED

Tom Groelsema

Congregational Hymn—#98 Now Thank We All Our God

Benediction

SERMON NOTES

In humble reliance upon the word of God and prayer, Christ Covenant Church
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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We hope you will visit the Guest Center in the main lobby so we can meet you!
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