

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

July 2, 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

Independence Day is a special occasion in the life of our country. Many of us love to rehearse our nation's history and to sing patriotic songs as we attend Fourth of July picnics and fireworks displays. Some patriotic songs are actually prayers to the one true God. One example is America the Beautiful, which you will hear played in today's prelude. Other patriotic songs extol and laud our country and its history. These songs are appropriate to sing as Americans, but are not worship songs for Christ's church (a multi-national people) during Lord's Day worship. When we come together to worship the living God, we want to worship him in the way he desires to be worshipped. This is known as the "Regulative Principle." Allowing God's word to guide our worship helps us avoid error and provides the assurance and freedom to worship no matter what country we find ourselves in. Whether you are visiting from another country today or you are a citizen of the United States, please pray that God might restore the fear of the Lord in this land and in his church across this nation and the world!

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Job 33:4

The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Introit

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 36:5–9

Leader: Worship the Lord your God! For his steadfast love extends to the heavens, his faithfulness to the clouds.

ALL: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Leader: Come and feast on the abundance of his house, for he provides drink from the river of his delights.

ALL: Praise the Lord! For with him is the fountain of life; in his light do we see light.

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—We Come, O Christ, To You

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
You are the way to God, your blood our ran - som paid;
You are the liv - ing truth; all wis - dom dwells in you,
You on - ly are true life to know you is to live

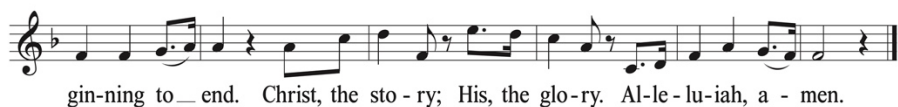
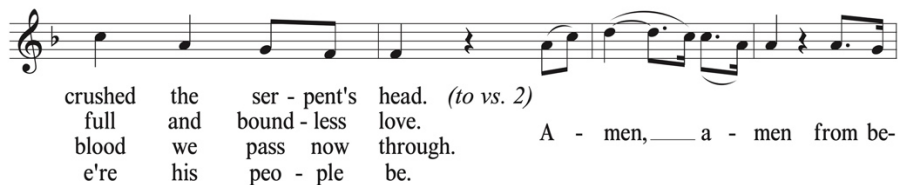
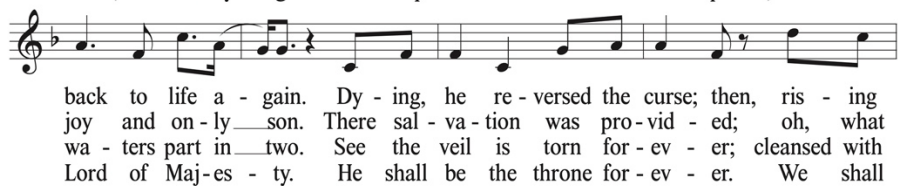
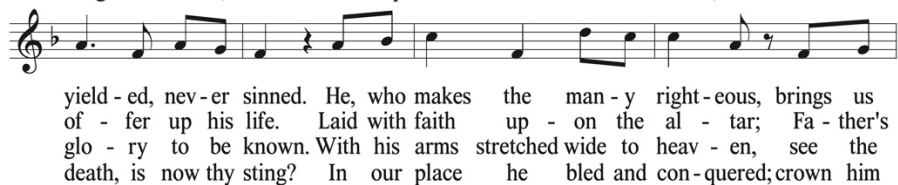
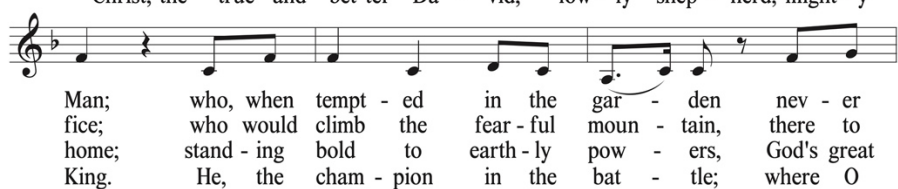
by whom all things con - sist, in whom all life be - gan. In you a -
in you we face our Judge and Mak - er un - a - fraid. Be - fore the
the source of eve - ry skill, the one e - ter - nal True! O great I
the more a - bun - dant life that earth can nev - er give. O ris - en

lone we live and move and have our be - ing in your love.
throne ab - solved we stand; your love has met your law's de - mand.
AM! in you we rest, sure an - swer to our eve - ry quest.
Lord! we live in you: in us each day your life re - new!

Text: E. Margaret Clarkson, 1957, 1985; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Song—Christ the True and Better



New Testament Scripture Reading—John 1:1–13

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 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.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—Be Thou My Vision/How Deep the Father's Love

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

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.

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—1 John 1:1-4

CORE CHRISTIANITY

Tom Groelsema

Prayer of Confession of Sin and Thanksgiving for Assurance

Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sung Response—Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Women
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,

Men
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,

Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -

high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.

san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.

Text: Traditional; Music: Greg Wilbur

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation, Fencing of the Table, and the Words of Institution
Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Congregational Hymn—Fairest Lord Jesus

Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul-er of all na - ture, Son of —
Fair are the mead - ows, fair — are the wood - lands, robed in the
Fair is the sun - shine, fair — is the moon - light, and all the
Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions! Son of —

God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
bloom-ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
twink-ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

Text: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; Music: ST. ELIZABETH, Silesian Folk Song, Schleisiche Volkslieder,
Leipzig, 1842

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—Christ Our Hope in Life and Death



What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
 What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good.
 Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!"



What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be - long.
 Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem - er's blood.
 And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him.



Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes a - part from his com-mand?
 Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial?
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de - stroyed



And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ
 And we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.



O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing hal - le -



lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Tom Groelsema; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Dave Baxter;
 Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins;
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 43:3–5

Leader: Come before the Lord saying, "Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!"

ALL: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

ALL: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Congregational Hymn—#140 O Word of God Incarnate

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Hymn—The Spirit Breathes Upon the Word



The Spir - it breathes up - on the Word, and brings the truth to
A glo - ry gilds the sa - cred page, ma - jes - tic, like the
Let ev - er - last - ing thanks be yours for such a bright dis -
My soul re - joic - es to pur - sue the steps of him I



sight. His law and prom - is - es af - ford
sun: it gives a light to eve - ry age,
play as makes a world of dark - ness shine
love, till glo - ry breaks up - on my view



a sanc - ti - fy - ing light, a sanc - ti - fy - ing light.
it gives, but bor - rows none, it gives, but bor - rows none.
with beams of heav'n - ly day, with beams of heav'n - ly day.
in bright - er worlds a - bove, in bright - er worlds a - bove.



Be near us Je - sus in all that we have heard.



Be near us, send your Spir - it, breathe up - on your word.

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 119:105-112

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Old Testament Scripture Reading— Isaiah 5:20–21

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight!

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Psalm—#148 How Shall the Young Direct Their Way? (Psalm 119)

Preaching of the Word—1 John 1:5-10

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

Will Ross

Congregational Hymn—#179 Hallelujah! Thine the Glory

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Will Ross; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Mike Miller;
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George

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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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