

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

July 9, 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

Over and over again, the Lord calls his people to remember, to recount, and to rehearse. In a sense, this is what we do every week. After recalling God's promises and repenting of sin we renew our commitment to follow after Christ and to obey his word with grateful hearts. How can we not be filled with thankfulness after hearing again that Christ both bore and removed the curse that was ours?

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation— Psalm 119:154

Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your promise!

Introit

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 30:4–5, 10–12

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

**ALL: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor
is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

Leader: To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead
for mercy: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, be my helper!"

**ALL: Praise the Lord! For he has turned for me
my mourning into dancing; he has clothed me
with gladness! Sing his praise and do not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

Congregational Song—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; be - hold, the
 A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot
 O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 Re - deem - er, come, I op - en wide my heart to

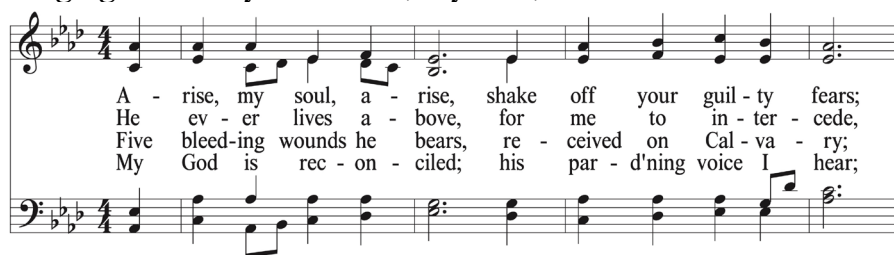
King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is
 rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here Lord a - bide! Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here!
 ho - li - ness, his scept - er, pi - ty in dis - tress.
 hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy,
 pre - sence feel; thy grace and love in me re veal.

Text: Based on Psalm 24, Georg Weissel, Tr. By Catherine Winkworth; Music: TRURO, 1789

Prayer of Adoration

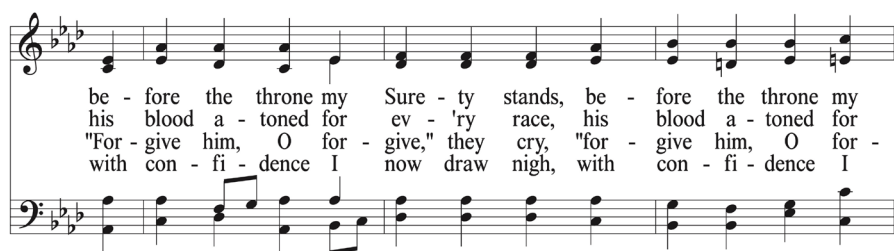
Congregational Hymn—Arise, My Soul, Arise



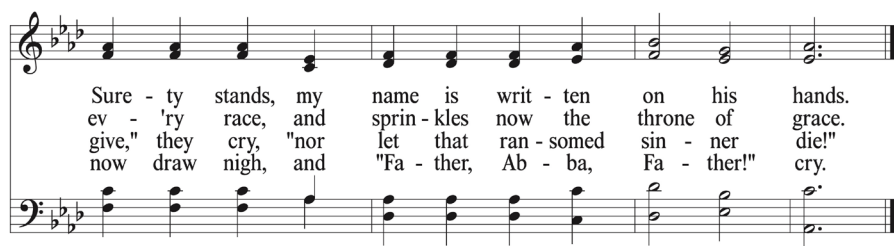
A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt fears;
 He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,
 Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
 My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - d'ning voice I hear;



the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears:
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me;
 he owns me for his child, I can no lon - ger fear;



be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned for
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O for -
 with con - fi - dence I now draw night, with con - fi - dence I



Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.
 ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"
 now draw night, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1742, alt, 1961; Music: LENOX, Louis Edson, 1782

Old Testament Scripture Reading—1 Samuel 12:6–9, 19–22

And Samuel said to the people, “The LORD is witness, who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. Now therefore stand still that I may plead with you before the LORD concerning all the righteous deeds of the LORD that he performed for you and for your fathers. When Jacob went into Egypt, and the Egyptians oppressed them, then your fathers cried out

to the LORD and the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt and made them dwell in this place. But they forgot the LORD their God.

And all the people said to Samuel, “Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, that we may not die, for we have added to all our sins this evil, to ask for ourselves a king.” And Samuel said to the people, “Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil. Yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. And do not turn aside after empty things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are empty. For the LORD will not forsake his people, for his great name’s sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you a people for himself.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Assurance of Grace—Jeremiah 50:33–34

Thus says the LORD of hosts: The people of Israel are oppressed, and the people of Judah with them. All who took them captive have held them fast; they refuse to let them go. Their Redeemer is strong; the LORD of hosts is his name. He will surely plead their cause, that he may give rest to the earth, but unrest to the inhabitants of Babylon.

Congregational Song—Before the Throne of God Above



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea.
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of the guilt with - in,
Be - hold him there the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous - ness,



A great High Priest whose name is Love who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
up - ward I look and see him there who made an end to all my sin.
The great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace.



My name is grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his heart.
Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.
One in him - self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his blood,



I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
For God the just is sat - is - fied to look on him and par - don me.
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God!



No tongue can bid me thence de - part. —
To look on him and par - don me. —
With Christ my Sav - ior and my God! —

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Christ the True and Better

Christ, the true and bet-ter Ad - am, Son of God and Son of
Christ, the true and bet-ter I - saac, hum - ble son of sac - ri -
Christ, the true and bet-ter Mo - ses, called to lead a peo - ple
Christ, the true and bet-ter Da - vid; low - ly shep - herd, might - y

Man; who, when tempt - ed in the gar - den nev - er
fice; who would climb the fear - ful moun - tain, there to
home; stand - ing bold to earth - ly pow - ers, God's great
King. He, the cham - pion in the bat - tle; where O

yield - ed, nev - er sinned. He, who makes the man - y right - eous, brings us
of - fer up his life. Laid with faith up - on the al - tar; Fa - ther's
glo - ry to be known. With his arms stretched wide to heav - en, see the
death, is now thy sting? In our place he bled and con - quered; crown him

back to life a - gain. Dy - ing, he re - versed the curse; then, ris - ing
joy and on - ly son. There sal - va - tion was pro - vid - ed; oh, what
wa - ters part in two. See the veil is torn for - ev - er; cleansed with
Lord of Maj - es - ty. He shall be the throne for - ev - er. We shall

crushed the ser - pent's head. (to vs. 2)
full and bound - less love. A - men, a - men from be -
blood we pass now through.
e're his peo - ple be.

gin - ning to end. Christ, the sto - ry; His, the glo - ry. Al - le - lu - iah, a - men.

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—1 John 2:1–2

LET JESUS PLEAD YOUR CASE

Nathan George

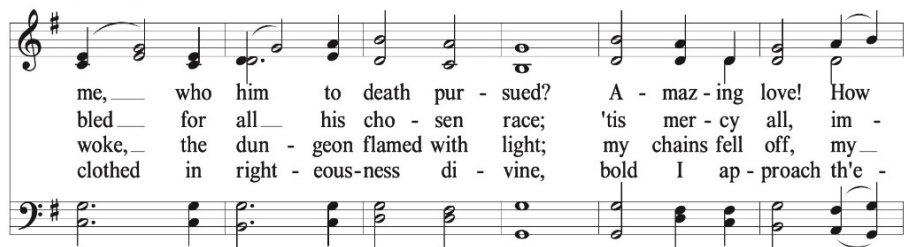
Congregational Hymn—And Can It Be That I Should Gain?



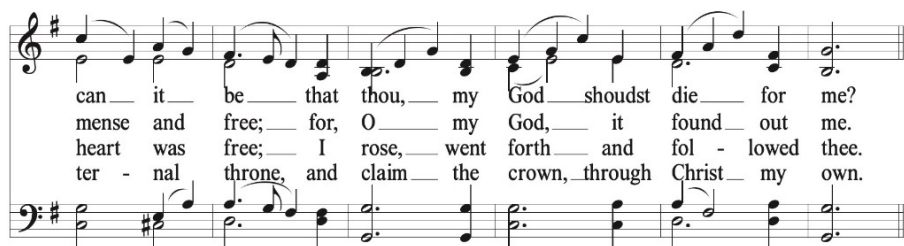
And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest in the
He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove, so free, so in - fi -
Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in sin and
No con-dem-na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in -



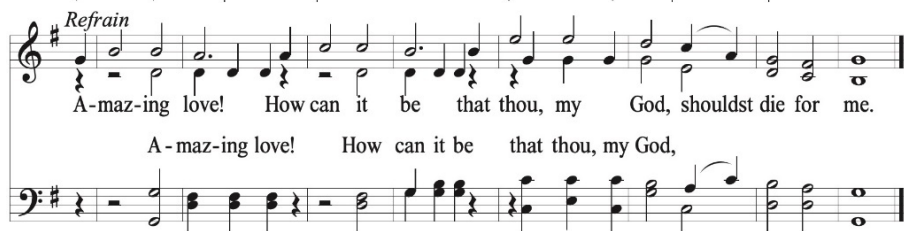
Sav - vior's blood? Died he for me who caused his pain? For
nite his grace; hum - bled him - self (so great his love!), and
na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning ray, I
him is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing Head, and



me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How
bled for all his cho - sen race; 'tis mer - cy all, im -
woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my
clothed in right - eous-ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach th'e -



can it be that thou, my God shouldst die for me?
mense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
heart was free; I rose, went forth and fol - lowed thee.
ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.



Refrain
A-maz-ing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me.
A-maz-ing love! How can it be that thou, my God,

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: SAGINA, Thomas Campbell, 1825

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. Nathan George; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Derek Wells;
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—

Congregational Hymn—#5 God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Hymn—#535 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 52, T. H. p. 804

New Testament Scripture Reading—James 2:14–26

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#254 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Preaching of the Word—1 John 2:3–11

WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US

Ben Preiser

Congregational Hymn—Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Benediction

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is committed to worshipping God, making disciples, loving one another,
and serving the body of Christ.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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