

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

August 6, 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

The life of a Christian involves discerning the difference between what is true and what is false. The Bible guides us in our confession of truth about Jesus, our Savior: the eternal Son of God took on a human body and soul to redeem all who would trust in him. As believers in this Savior, we must hold fast to God's truth while rejecting even the subtlest and most plausible of false teachings.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—John 16:13

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

Introit

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 119:15–18

Leader: Meditate on my precepts and fix your eyes on my ways.
Delight in my statutes; Do not forget my word.

ALL: Deal bountifully with your servants, that we may
live and keep your word. Open our eyes, that we may
behold wondrous things out of your law.

Congregational Hymn—#181 We Come, O Christ, To You

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Psalm—O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire



O Christ, our hope, our heart's de - sire, Re-demp-tion's on - ly spring;
 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som has been paid;
 O Christ, be thou our pre - sent joy, our fu - ture great re - ward;

Cre - a - tor of the world art thou, its Sav - iour and its King.
 and thou art on thy Fa - ther's throne in glor - ious robes ar - rayed.
 our on - ly glo - ry may it be To glo - ry in the Lord!

How vast the mer - cy and the love which laid our sins on thee,
 O may thy might - y love pre - vail our sin - ful souls to spare,
 All praise to thee, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry ev - er be

and led thee to a cru - el death to set thy peo - ple free.
 O may we come be - fore thy throne and find ac - cept - ance there!
 to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin Hymn, 8th century; Music: KNGSFOLD, Traditional English melody

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 18:15–22

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that

I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?’—when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Corporate Confession of Faith—Heidelberg Catechism Q. 35 & 36

Leader: What do you confess when you say: He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?

ALL: The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took upon himself true human nature from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, through the working of the Holy Spirit. Thus he is also the true seed of David, and like his brothers in every respect, yet without sin.

Leader: What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

ALL: He is our Mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, in which I was conceived and born.

Prayer of Confession of Sin and Thanksgiving for Grace

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

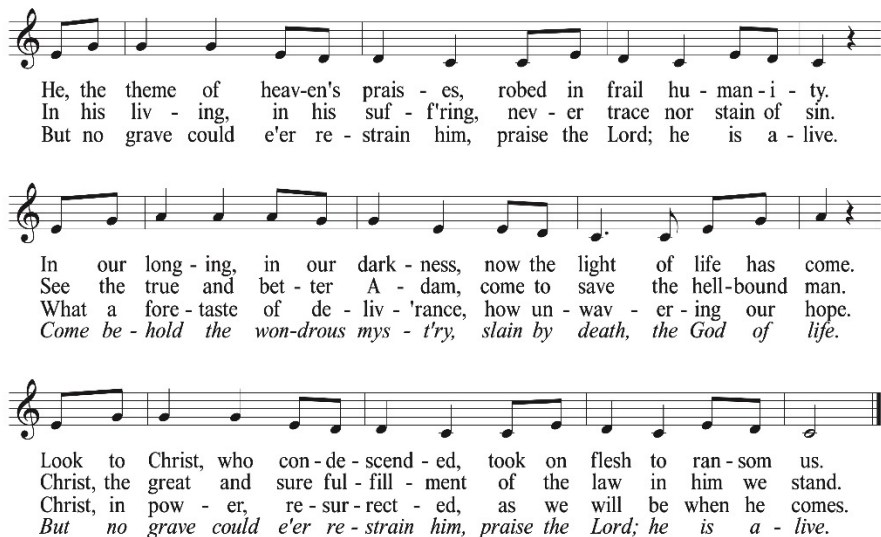
Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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



Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn - ing of the King.
Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, he, the per - fect Son of Man.
Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by death, the God of life.



He, the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.
 In his liv - ing, in his suf - f'ring, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
 But no grave could e'er re - strain him, praise the Lord; he is a - live.

In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come.
 See the true and bet - ter A - dam, come to save the hell-bound man.
 What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope.
 Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by death, the God of life.

Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
 Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law in him we stand.
 Christ, in pow - er, re - sur - rect - ed, as we will be when he comes.
 But no grave could e'er re - strain him, praise the Lord; he is a - live.

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker, *Arr. by Brad Henderson*

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—1 John 4:1–6

TRUTH AND ERROR

Kevin DeYoung

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Congregational Hymn—#347 The Church's One Foundation v. 1–5

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 Hymn—#347 The Church's One Foundation v. 6

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastoral Intern: Ben Preisner;
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 Assistant Director of Music: Joseph Foucachon;
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 59:9–10, 16–17

Leader: Sing praise to the Lord, your strength, for he will watch over you, he is your fortress.

ALL: Trust in his steadfast love; for God will triumph over all his enemies.

Leader: Sing of the Lord's strength; sing aloud of his steadfast love in the morning. For he has been to you a fortress and a refuge in the day of distress.

ALL: O Lord my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.

Congregational Hymn—#2 O Worship the King

Prayer of Adoration

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 36, T.H. p. 797

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 10:12–11:1

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—O Love That Will Not Let Me Go



O Love that will not let me go, I rest my wear - y
O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not close my
O Light that foll' - west all my way, I yield my flick' - ring
O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not ask to



soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
torch to thee; My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er full - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.
in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day May bright - er, fair - er be.
from the ground there blos - soms red Life that shall end - less be.

Text: George Matheson; Music: Christopher Miner

Congregational Hymn—#261 What Wondrous Love Is This

Preaching of the Word—1 John 4:7–21

IF GOD IS LOVE, LOVE IS NOT LOVE

Blair Smith

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

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Blair Smith; Assisting Pastor: Dr. Eric Russ;

Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George

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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!
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Interested in a small group? Please contact Caleb Johnson,
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