

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

September 3, 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 shape of our worship service is intentionally trinitarian. Our opening hymn makes this plain. Isaiah references the Spirit, Psalm 32 the Lord God, and Romans the Son. The *Gloria Patri* follows suit. Through it all, there is a clear emphasis on Jesus Christ who has revealed the Father and the Spirit. There is no greater portrait!

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—John 6:66–69

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

Introit

Call to Worship—Psalm 96:1–4

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD,
all the earth!

**ALL: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation
from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works
among all the peoples!

**ALL: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—Holy God, We Praise Your Name



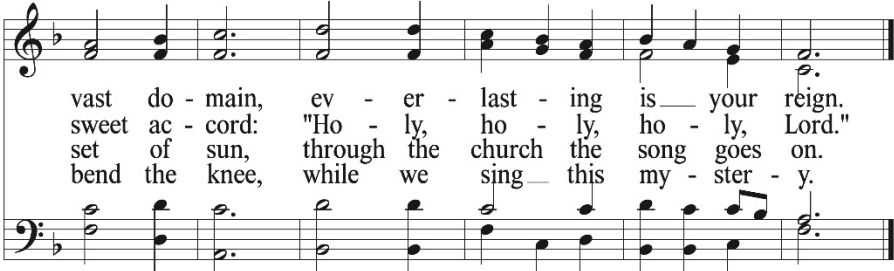
Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
Hark! the loud ce - lest - ial hymn an - gel choirs a -
Lo! the a - po - sto - lic train join your sac - red
Ho - ly Fath - er, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you! All on earth your scep - ter claim.
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; pro - phets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you; while in es - sence onl - y One,



All in heaven a - bove a - dore you: in - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing; fill the heavens with
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn - to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord."
set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee, while we sing this my - ster - y.

Text: Based on *Te Deum*, ca. 4th century, Ignace Franz, 1774;
Music: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Isaiah 61:1–3

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin—Psalm 32:5–7

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Assurance of Grace—Romans 8:31–34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Congregational Sung Response—Gloria Patri



Glor-y be to the Fath - er, and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
 As it was in the be - gin - ning, is — now, and ev - er shall be,
 World with-out end. A - men. A — men.

Text: Traditional; Music: Nathan Clark George, 2015, arr. Henry C. Haffner, 2015

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Thy Mercy, My God

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



Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme — of my song,
 With - out thy sweet mer - cy I could — not live here;
 Thy mer - cy is more than a match — for my heart,
 Great Fa - ther of mer - cies, thy good - ness I own,
 the joy of my heart and the boast — of my tongue;
 and sin would re - duce me to ut - ter de - spair;
 which won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part;
 and the cov - e - nant love of thy cru - ci - fied Son;
 thy free grace a - lone, — from the first — to the last,
 but, through thy free good - ness, my spir - its re - vive,
 dis - solved by thy good - ness, I fall — to the ground,
 all praise to the Spir - it, whose whis - per di - vine
 hath won my af - fec - tions and bound — my — soul fast.
 and he that first made me still keeps — me — a - live.
 and weep to the praise of the mer - cy — I've found.
 seals mer - cy, and par - don, and right - eous - ness mine.

Text: John Stoker; Music: Sandra McCracken

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Revelation 1:4–8

THE GOD WE NEED

Kevin DeYoung

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 Song—There Is No Greater Portrait



There is no great-er por-trait of love and sac-ri-fice
He ran the race be-fore him though it was filled with pain,
The Son of Man was lift-ed be-fore cre-a-tion's eyes;
O Sav-ior, let this sin-ner be ran-somed by the flood

than Je-sus leav-ing glo-ry and lay-ing down his life.
and walked the road to glo-ry in a-go-ny and shame.
was mocked and scorned by sol-diers, by kings and priests de-spised.
of mer-cy and for-give-ness a-bun-dant in your blood.

When I look on the suf-fer-ings my Sav-ior chose to bear,
Then for the joy be-fore him, he chose to bear the cross,
But now the Son is ris-en, as-cend-ed to the skies.
O Lord, be my sal-va-tion, your Ho-ly Spir-it send

it fills my heart with sor-row to think I put him there.
pur-sued his Fa-ther's plea-sure and count-ed all else loss.
By an-gels he is wor-shipped; by na-tions glor-i-fied.
to change my heart and cause me to love you to the end.

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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—O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me;
I see his wounds, his hands, his feet, my Savior on that cursed tree.
His body bound and drenched in tears,
They laid him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone.

[Refrain] O praise the Name of the Lord, our God,
O praise his Name forevermore;
For endless days, we will sing your praise,
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again;
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King. [Refrain]

He shall return in robes of white,
The blazing sun shall pierce the night,
And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.
[Refrain]

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Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastoral Intern: Walker Rose;
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 99:1–3

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

ALL: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

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

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Hymn—#295 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 2, T.H. p. 785–786

New Testament Scripture Reading—John 8:2–11

Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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1. The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2. Where streams of li - ving wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3. Per - verse and foo - lish, oft I strayed, but yet in
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear
 5. Thou spreadst a ta - ble in my sight; thy un - ction
 6. And so through all the length of days, thy good - ness

fail - eth nev - er. I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lea - deth; and where the ver - dant
 love he sought me; and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
 grace bes - tow - eth; and oh, what tran - sport
 fail - eth ne - ver; Good Shep - herd, may I

I am his, and he is mine for - e - ver.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial fee - deth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joice - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 of de - light from thy pure cha - lice flow - eth!
 sing thy praise with - in thy house for - e - ver.

Text: Henry Baker, 1868; Music: ST. COLUMBIA, Old Irish hymn melody

Preaching of the Word—1 Kings 1:28–53

THE MOST MERCIFUL KING

Nathan George

Congregational Hymn—#437 O God, to Us Show Mercy

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Nathan George; Assisting Pastoral Intern: Zac Leach;
 Worship Leader: Joseph Foucachon

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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.

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