



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

September 17, 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

To be content with weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities is a pretty tall order. Yet, we know that the Lord disciplines those he loves. He sends warnings before it is too late. He snatches us from the final fire, sometimes through a refining fire. Will we recognize the mercy of God in it all?

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—2 Corinthians 12:9–10

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Silence

Call to Worship—Isaiah 30:15, 18

Leader: Return and rest, and you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

All: **The LORD waits to be gracious to you,
and he exalts himself to show mercy to you.
For the LORD is a God of justice; therefore come
and wait before him.**

Congregational Hymn—#710 God of Our Fathers

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Song—You Reign Forevermore

I sing un - to the Lord, my fa - thers' God I
 God is my strength and song, the war - rior, Sav - ior,
 In your un - fail - ing love, you lead your peo - ple

praise, ex - alt his ho - ly name and hymns of vic - t'ry
 he whose right hand is out - stretched in pow'r and ma - jes -
 on, re - deemed and guid - ed, to your ho - ly moun - tain

raise. For Phar - aoh and his men, he hurled in - to the sea,
 ty. The doc - trine of our God, the trem - bling na - tions hear,
 drawn: the dwell - ing - place you made, es - ta - blished long be - fore,

and so de - liv - ered Is - ra - el tri - um - phant - ly.
 and gripped with an - guish, ter - ror, dread, they melt in fear.
 the sanc - tu - a - ry where you reign for - ev - er - more.

My fa - ther's God, vic - tor - ious Lord, you reign, you reign for - ev - er - more.
 My strength and song, Re - dee - mer, Lord, you reign, you reign for - ev - er - more.
 My king, and shield, my sov - ereign Lord, you reign, you reign for - ev - er - more.

Text: Betsy George, based on Exodus 15, 2018; Music: Nathan Clark George, 2019

New Testament Scripture Reading— Hebrews 10:32–38

But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—Isaiah 49:8

Thus says the LORD: “In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people.”

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Sacrament of Baptism

Covenant Baptism

Barnabas Jude Leach
Son of Zac and Kate Leach

Barrett Joel May
Son of Joel and Maddie May

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—His Mercy Is More

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

What love could re - mem - ber, no wrongs we have done?
What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?
What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us.

Om - nis - cient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum.
What Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home?
His blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.

Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;

our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Revelation 6:1–8

THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—#521 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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: Eric Russ;
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Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 45:1, 4

Leader: Let your heart overflow with a pleasing theme
before the Lord; address verses to the king;
make your tongue like the pen of a ready scribe.

ALL: Speak of his majesty, for he rides out victoriously
for the cause of truth and meekness
and righteousness; let your tongue speak
of his awesome deeds!

Congregational Hymn—#235 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Congregational Hymn—#635 How Good It Is to Thank the Lord

Prayer of Adoration

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 21:18–21

“If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen to them, then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives, and they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.’ Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

New Testament Scripture Reading—Matthew 10:34–39

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Before the Throne of God Above

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

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by his blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vicki Cook

Preaching of the Word—1 Kings 2:13–46

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO HOME,
BUT YOU CAN'T STAY HERE

Joel May

Congregational Hymn—#441 Jesus Shall Reign

Benediction

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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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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