

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

October 1, 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

Today's worship service will highlight God's wrath. This is not a popular subject. Whole theological movements have attempted to distance themselves from the idea that God is wrathful. Yet, in the face of wrath, mercy is more sweet. Grace shines with greater clarity. Therefore, we don't shrink back from those difficult passages. Instead, they cause us to press on toward Christ, for he is our security, our anchor, and our sacrificial lamb.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Habakkuk 3:2

O LORD, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O LORD, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.

Introit—Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

*Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!*

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: HELMSLEY, 18th century melody, arr. John Rutter

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 2:6, 10–12

Leader: O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
All peoples and nations come before the Lord
and worship him alone! For he has set his King on Zion,
his holy hill.

ALL: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Leader: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

**ALL: Seek the Lord! For blessed are all who take refuge
in him.**

Congregational Song—Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)



1. You made the star - ry host; you traced the moun - tain peaks. You
 2. You reached in - to the dust; with love your Spi - rit breathed. You
 3. Let sym - pho-nies re-sound; let drums and choirs ring out. All

paint the ev - 'ning skies with won-ders. The earth, it is your throne from
 formed us in your ver - y like-ness. To know your won-drous works, to
 heav - en hear the sound of wor-ship. Let ev - 'ry na - tion bring its

des - ert to the sea. All na - ture tes - ti - fies your splen - dor.
 tell your might - y deeds, to join the ev - er - last - ing chor - us.
 hon - ors to the King: a roar of har - mo-nies, e - ter - nal.

Refrain 1 & 2



Praise the Lord, — praise the Lord; sing his great-ness all cre - a - tion. Praise the

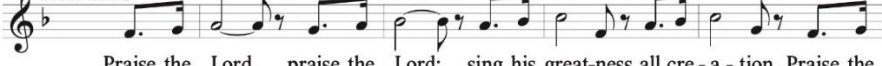


Lord. — Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths from furth-est East to




West. Let ev - 'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord. — (To vs. 3)

Refrain 3



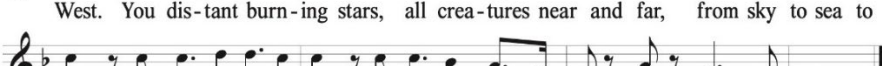
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Lord. — Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths from furth-est East to



West. You dis-tant burn-ing stars, all crea-tures near and far, from sky to sea to



shore, sing out for-ev-er-more. Let ev-'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord.

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Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Song—O Worship the King

O wor - ship the King, all glor - ious a - bove,
 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 Frail child - ren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing His power and His love;
 Whose robe is the light, Whose can - o - py space,
 It breathes in the air, Whose shines in the light;
 In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;

Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 His char - iots of wrath, the deep thun - der - clouds, form,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
 And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 Our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Text: Based on Psalm 104, Robert Grant, 1833; Music: LYONS, Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Zechariah 8:1–2, 14–17

And the word of the LORD of hosts came, saying, “Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath.

For thus says the LORD of hosts: “As I purposed to bring disaster to you when your fathers provoked me to wrath, and I did not relent, says the LORD of hosts, so again have I purposed in these days to bring good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; fear not. These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace; do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the LORD.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin and Thanksgiving for Assurance

Assurance of Grace—Romans 5:6–9

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—Rise My Soul

arr. Susan Labarr

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

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



Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor, in the fu - ry of the storm;
Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor, while the tem - pest rag - es on;
Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor, through the floods of un - be - lief;
Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor, as we face the wave of death;



when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn;
when temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle, and it seems the night has won;
hope - less some-how, O my soul, now, lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry;
when these trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal breath;



in the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few;
deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac - cused;
this my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see his love for - ev - er proved;
We will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cured;
Christ the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful ev - er true



I will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.
I will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.
I will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.
and the calm will be the bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dured.
We will hold fast to the an - chor it shall nev - er be re - moved

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Revelation 6:12–17

THE WRATH OF THE LAMB

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—How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

How sweet and awe - some is the place with
While all our hearts and all our songs join
"Why was I made to hear your voice, and
'Twas the same love that spread the feast that
Pit - y the na - tions, O church - our God, con -
We long to see your church - es full, that
Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
to ad - mire the feast, each of us cry, with
en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a
sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -
strain the earth to come; send your vic - to - rious
all the cho - sen race may with one voice and
love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
thank - ful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?
wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than
fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.
Word a - broad, and bring the strang - ers home.
heart and soul, sing your re - deem - ing grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: ST. COLUMBIA C.M. Old Irish melody

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—In Christ Alone



In Christ a-lone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less babe!
There in the ground his bod-y lay, light of the world by dark-ness slain;
No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the pow'r of Christ in me.



this cor-ner-stone, this so-lid ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.
This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones he came to save;
then burst-ing forth in glor-ious day, up from the grave he rose a-gain!
From life's first cry to fi-nal breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease!
till on that cross as Jes-us died, the wrath of God was sat-is-fied;
And as he stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from his hand;



My com-fort-er, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.
for ev'-ry sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.
for I am his and he is mine— bought with the prec-ious blood of Christ.
till he re-turms or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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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: Rev. Zach Fulginiti;

Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins;

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Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Revelation 5:11–12

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne
and the living creatures and the elders the voice
of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads
and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

**ALL: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power
and wealth and wisdom and might and honor
and glory and blessing!”**

Responsive Confession of Faith—WLC Q & A 45

Leader: How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

**ALL: Christ executes the office of a king, in calling out
of the world a people to himself, and giving them
officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly
governs them; in bestowing saving grace
upon his elect, rewarding their obedience,
and correcting them for their sins, preserving
and supporting them under all their temptations
and sufferings, restraining and overcoming
all their enemies, and powerfully ordering all things
for his own glory, and their good; and also in taking
vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey
not the gospel.**

Congregational Hymn—#295 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Congregational Hymn—Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

[Refrain] Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail.
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Prayer of Adoration

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 72, T.H. p. 810–811

New Testament Scripture Reading—Hebrews 12:18–29

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#679 ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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

Preaching of the Word—1 Kings 4

THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM

Tom Groelsema

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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