



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

October 8, 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

Philippians 1:6 reads, "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." One of the great comforts for the Christian is that God will not allow his child to slip through his hands. He is strong enough to hold us, keep us, and shepherd us home.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Micah 5:4

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Introit—Veni Creator Spiritus

*Veni, Creator Spiritus, mentes tuorum visita,
Imple superna gratia quae tu creasti pectora.
Gloria Patri et Filio, Natoque qui a mortuis surrexit,
Ac Paracito, in saeculorum saecula. Amen.*

- attr. Rabanus Maurus

*Come, Creator Spirit, visit the minds of your own people,
Fill with grace from above the hearts that you have created.
Glory be to the Father and also to the Son, begotten,
Who from the dead has risen,
and to the Comforter Holy Spirit, for ages upon ages. Amen.*

- trans. Anne Groton

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 102:12, 25–28

Leader: Come worship the Lord, who is enthroned forever!
He laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens
are the work of his hands. They will perish,
but he will remain; they will all wear out like a garment.
He will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,
but the Lord is the same, and his years have no end.

**ALL: The name of the Lord is to be praised, for the children
of his servants shall dwell secure; their offspring
shall be established before him.**

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—#363 We Gather Together

Congregational Hymn—

#347 The Church's One Foundation (v. 1, 2, 5)

Prayer of Adoration

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—Honor and Glory

J. S. Bach

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Psalm 121:1–8

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—Zechariah 10:6, 8–9

I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back because I have compassion on them, and they shall be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the LORD their God and I will answer them. I will whistle for them and gather them in, for I have redeemed them, and they shall be as many as they were before. Though I scattered them among the nations, yet in far countries they shall remember me, and with their children they shall live and return.

Congregational Psalm—Psalm 42: Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call



Lord from sor - rows deep I call
Storms with - in my trou - bled soul,
Should my life be torn from me,

when my hope is shak - en.
ques - tions with - out an - swers.
ev - 'ry world - ly plea - sure.



Torn and ruin - ed from the fall,
On my faith these bil - lows roll.
When all I pos - sess is grief,

hear my des - per - a - tion.
God, be now my shel - ter.
God, be then my trea - sure.



For so long I've pled and prayed,
Why are you cast down, my soul?
Be my vis - ion in the night.

"God come to my res - cue."
Hope in Him who saves you.
Be my hope and re - fuge.



Ev - en so the thorn re - mains.
When the fires have all grown cold,
'Til my faith is turned to sight,

Still my heart will praise You.
cause this heart to praise You.
Lord, my heart will praise You.



And Oh my soul, put your hope in God. My help, my rock, I will praise Him.



Sing, oh sing, through the rag - ing storm. "You're still my God, my sal - va - tion."

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Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Jesus, Strong and Kind

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

Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
Je - sus said if I am lost he will come to me.

No one else can sa - tis - fy, I should come to him.
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him.
And he showed me on that cross he will come to me.

For the Lord is good and faith - ful. He will keep us day and night.

We can al - ways run to Je - sus: Je - sus, strong and kind.

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Revelation 7:1–8

WHO ARE THE 144,000?

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—#30 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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. Derek Wells;
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins;
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Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—from Psalms 122 and 87

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**ALL: Our feet have been standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem!**

Leader: On the holy mount stands the city he founded;
the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than
all the dwelling places of Jacob.

ALL: Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God.

Congregational Hymn—#342 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Congregational Hymn—#376 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Prayer of Adoration

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 110, T.H. p. 825

New Testament Scripture Readings—1 Corinthians 3:10–17

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Ephesians 2:18–22

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together,

grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—All Glory Be to Christ

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



Should noth - ing of our ef - forts stand, no leg - a - cy sur - vive;
His will be done, his king - dom come, on earth as is a - bove;
When on the day the great I Am, the Faith - ful and the True,
un - less the Lord does raise the house, in vain its build - ers strive.
who is him - self our dai - ly bread, Praise him, the Lord of love.
the Lamb who was for sin - ners slain, is mak - ing all things new.
To you who boast to - mor - row's gain tell me, what is your life?
Let liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price.
Be - hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light,
A mist that van - ish - es at dawn; all glo - ry be to Christ!
Take bread and wine which he sup - plies; all glo - ry be to Christ!
and we shall e'er his peo - ple be; all glo - ry be to Christ!
All glo - ry be to Christ our king! All glo - ry be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ev - er sing; all glo - ry be to Christ!

Text: Dustin Kensrue, vs. 2 alt, Nathan Clark George; Music: AULD LANG SYNE, Scottish Traditional

Preaching of the Word—1 Kings 5–6

SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE

Clay Anderson

Congregational Hymn—#345 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastoral Intern: Clay Anderson; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Bruce Creswell;
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is committed to worshiping God, making disciples, loving one another,
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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