



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

October 22, 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

There are multiple commands and examples of the saints keeping silence before God. Sometimes they are aware of being a sinner in his presence. Sometimes they are overwhelmed by his power and holiness. On the other hand, our culture is very uncomfortable with silence. Planning for silence before worship or during a confession of sin is somewhat contrary to good programming. Dead air is the unpardonable sin in broadcast. It doesn't make for good streaming. But it does make for good reflection, confession, listening, meditation, and giving honor to God.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Psalm 11:4, Habakkuk 2:20

The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD'S throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man. The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Silent Meditation

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 35:27–28

Leader: Let those who delight in my righteousness shout for joy
and be glad and say evermore,

**ALL: “Great is the LORD, who delights in the welfare
of his servant!”**

Leader: Then let your tongue tell of his righteousness
and of his praise all the day long.

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Psalm—The Mighty God the Lord

The musical notation is for a congregational psalm in 4/4 time, key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final measure containing a double bar line and repeat dots. The bass line consists of whole and half notes.

The might - y God, the Lord, hath spo - ken un - to all;
Our God shall sure - ly come, and si - lence shall not keep;
"To - geth - er let my saints un - to me gath - ered be,

from ris - ing to the set - ting sun, he un - to earth doth call.
be - fore him fire shall waste, and storms tem - pes - tuous round him sweep.
those that by sac - ri - fice have made a cov - e - nant with me."

From Zi - on, his own hill, where per - fect beau - ty dwells,
He to the heav'n's a - bove shall then send forth his call,
Then shall the heav'n's de - clare his righ - teous - ness a - broad;

Je - ho - vah hath his glo - ry shown, in bright - ness that ex - cels.
and like - wise to the earth, that he may judge his peo - ple all:
be - cause the Lord him - self is judge, yea, none is judge, but God.

Text: Psalm 50:1–6, Based on *Scottish Psalter*, 1650; Music: *DIADEMATA*, George Elvey, 1868

Congregational Song—Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice; all creation rises to rejoice.

[Refrain] Behold our God, seated on his throne,
Come, let us adore him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore him.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds? [Refrain]

Who has felt the nails upon his hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man.
God eternal, humbled to the grave;
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign. [Refrain]

Text and Music: Jonathan Baird | Meghan Baird | Ryan Baird | Stephen Altrogge
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Prayer of Adoration

Old Testament Responsive Scripture Reading— Psalm 62:1–12

ALL: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Leader: How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence? They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.

ALL: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Leader: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

ALL: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Confession of Sin—Job 40:1–5

And the LORD said to Job: “Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it.” Then Job answered the LORD and said: “Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further.”

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—Isaiah 40:28, 31; 41:10

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. ...They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. ...Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sung Response—Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, 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 and Music: Henry Wellington Greatorex, 1851

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—It Is Well with My Soul

Text: Horatio Spafford; Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip Bliss, arr. John Ness Beck

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—The King in All His Beauty

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

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef. It begins in 4/4 time and features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score includes several measures of rests, suggesting a tempo change or a moment for reflection. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the piece concludes with a double bar line.

O lift your eyes to Heav-en, see the Ho-ly One e-ter-nal.
Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splin-ters.
Now see the Sav-ior lift-ed up, the Lamb who reigns in splen-dor.

Be-hold the Lord of Maj-es-ty, ex-al-ted in His tem-ple.
The sa-cri-fice for ru-ined man, the sub-sti-tute for sin-ners.
The hope of ev-ery tribe and tongue, His king-dom is for-ev-er.

As sym-pho-nies of an-gels' praise now strain to sound His glo-ry.
As Earth is stained with roy-al blood, and quakes with love and fu-ry.
Bring praise and hon-or to His courts. Bring wis-dom, pow-er, bless-ing.

Come wor-ship, fall be-fore His grace, the King in all His beau-ty.
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beau-ty.
For end-less ag-es we'll a-dore the King in all His beau-ty.

Chorus

How wor-thy, how wor-thy, how wor-thy, the King in all His beau-ty.

Text and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Revelation 8:1–5

THE SOUND OF SILENCE

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—

#320 Rejoice, All Ye Believers (v. 1, 3, 4)

Re - joice, all ye be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
Ye saints, who here in pa - tience your cross and suff - 'rings bore,
Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near:
shall live and reign for ev - er, when sor - row is no more:
a - rise, thou sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

the Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he draw - eth nigh;—
a - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb ye shall be - hold,—
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord to see

up, pray, and watch, and wres - tle: at mid - night comes the cry.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him your di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that brings us un - to thee.

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700; Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry Smart, 1836

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. Tom Groelsema;

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

Instrumental Director: Joseph Foucachon

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SERMON NOTES

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—1 Chronicles 16:8–13

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him;
sing praises to him, tell of all his wondrous works!

**ALL: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those
who seek the LORD rejoice!**

Leader: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence
continually!

**ALL: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Israel his servant, children of Jacob,
his chosen ones!**

Congregational Hymn—#382 God Himself Is with Us

Congregational Psalm—#110 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Prayer of Adoration

New Testament Scripture Reading—John 1:1–14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#140 O Word of God, Incarnate (v. 1, 3, 4)

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

Preaching of the Word—1 Kings 8:1-21

THE ARK AND THE GLORY

Tom Groelsema

Congregational Song—Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



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*

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Tom Groelsema; Assisting Pastoral Intern: Clay Anderson;
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SERMON NOTES

In humble reliance upon the word of God and prayer, Christ Covenant Church
is committed to worshipping 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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