

## 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





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]

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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



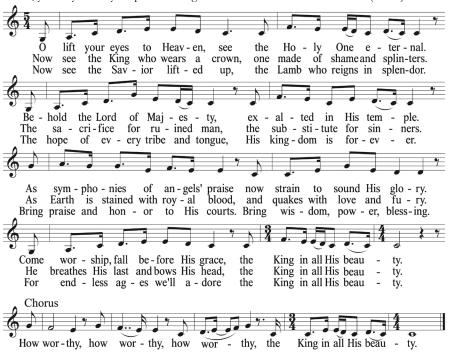
## Giving of Tithes and Offerings Offertory—It Is Well with My Soul

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)



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)



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

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

## 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)

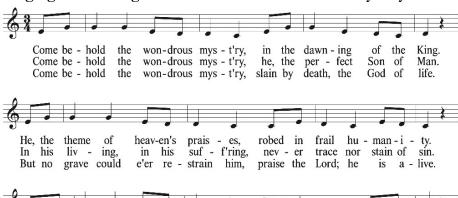
Parents, you may escort your pre-school aged children to Building Little Pillars (B-106).

## Preaching of the Word—1 Kings 8:1–21

#### THE ARK AND THE GLORY

#### Tom Groelsema

## Congregational Song—Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery





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 Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som to 115 Christ, the great sure ful - fill - ment of the law in him and stand. we Christ, in re - sur - rect - ed, will be when he pow - er, as we comes. Butgrave could e'er re-strain him, praise the Lord: he a - live.

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker, Arr. by Brad Henderson

#### Benediction

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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.

#### 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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