



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

November 5, 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

The church has traditionally seen word, prayer, and sacrament as the three central means of grace. By 'means of grace' we mean these are the normal ways God communicates his grace to us. Of course, they don't preclude other very important aspects of the Christian walk (fellowship, service, devotion, etc.), but the Lord promised to particularly bless the preaching of the word, prayer according to his word, and the word made visible in the sacraments (communion and baptism). When received by faith, these 'means' are a vital and joyful part of worship in the life of the believer. Today we have the opportunity to prepare our hearts to receive the word through the taking of the Lord's Supper.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Introit—We Gather Together

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.*

Text: Theodore Baker, 1917;

Music: KREMSER Adrianus Valerius's *Nederlandisch Gedenckclank*, 1626 Arr. by Edward Kremser, 1877

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 81:1–2, 16

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength.

ALL: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

Leader: Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

ALL: Sing aloud to God our strength! For he would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock he would satisfy you.

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Psalm—The Voice of the Lord (Psalm 29)



The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. The God of glo-ry thun-ders free!
The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. The God of glo-ry thun-ders free!
The voice of the Lord is flam - ing in fire. The God of glo-ry thun-ders free!



The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. His voice is full of maj - es-ty!
The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. Be - fore His voice the migh-ty flee!
The voice of the Lord is shak - ing the for - ests. Cry a - loud in glo - ry!



Give to the Lord, in heav'n-ly chor-us; Give to the Lord, all glo-ry and strength!



Give to the Lord, the glo - ry due His name. Wor - ship the Lord



Women in beau-ty of ho-li - ness. in beau-ty of ho-li - ness.
(optional) The Lord give his peo-ple peace. The Lord give his peo-ple peace.



Men in beau-ty of ho-li - ness. in beau-ty of ho-li - ness.
(optional) The Lord give his peo-ple peace. The Lord give his peo-ple peace.

Congregational Song—He Calls Me Friend



I have a friend, a faith - ful friend and Je - sus is His ___ name.
I have a friend, a might - y friend and Je - sus is His ___ name.
I have a friend, the kind - est friend, and Je - sus is His ___ name.
I have a friend, a Sav - ior friend, and Je - sus is His ___ name.



He will not leave, He stands by me. My Shep - herd He re - mains.
I shall not fear, He holds me near. His strength will keep me safe.
He hears my cry by day or night and wipes my tears a - way.
He fought for me on Cal - va - ry and tram - pled on the grave!



His name is True King, Lord of ___ cre-a-tion, Ru-ler with-out end. I call Him



Hope, Peace, won - der - ful Sav-ior. And what joy that Je-sus calls me friend!

Text and Music: Harrison Druery, Johnny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson
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Old Testament Scripture Readings—Nehemiah 9:9–15

“And you saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea, and performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for you knew that they acted arrogantly against our fathers. And you made a name for yourself, as it is to this day. And you divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on dry land, and you cast their pursuers into the depths, as a stone into mighty waters. By a pillar of cloud you led them in the day, and by a pillar of fire in the night to light for them the way in which they should go. You came down on Mount Sinai and spoke with them from heaven and gave them right rules and true laws, good statutes and commandments, and you made known to them your holy Sabbath and commanded them commandments and statutes and a law by Moses your servant. You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and brought water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and you told them to go in to possess the land that you had sworn to give them.

Psalm 78:17–20

Yet they sinned still more against him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert. They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved. They spoke against God, saying, “Can God spread a table in the wilderness? He struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed. Can he also give bread or provide meat for his people?”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin and Thanksgiving for Assurance

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—#646 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
from the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee, thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living Bread, and long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the Fountain-head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away; shed o'er the world thy holy light.

Text: attr: Bernard of Clairvaux, 1150; Music: QUEBEC, Henry Baker, 1854

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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

Chorus

The musical score is written on five staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, suitable for a congregational song. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The first line of the chorus is 'We will feast in the house of Zi - on We will sing with our hearts re-stored.' The second line is 'He has done great things, we will say to - geth-er We will feast and weep no more'. The third line is 'We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our In the dark of night, be-fore the dawn, My soul, be not a - Eve-ry vow we've bro - ken and be-trayed You are the Faith-ful'. The fourth line is 'God. We are not con - sumed, by the flood? fraid, one for the prom - ised morn - ing, oh how long? And from the gar - den to the grave'. The fifth line is 'Up - held, pro - tec - ted, gath - ered up. Oh God of Ja - cob, be my strength. Bind us to - geth - er, bring my sha - lom.'

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—John 6:25–59

JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE

Tom Groelsema

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation, Fencing of the Table, and the Words of Institution
Distribution of the Bread and Cup

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 Hymn—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah". It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score is arranged for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are: "Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land. O - pen now the cry - stal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow; When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my an - xious fears sub-side; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy power - ful hand. let the fire and cloud - y - pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through. death of deaths, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on Can - aan's side. Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en, feed me till I want no more; Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and shield; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to thee; feed me till I want no more. be thou still my strength and shield. I will ev - er give to thee." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
O - pen now the cry - stal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my an - xious fears sub-side;

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Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en, feed me till I want no more;
Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and shield;
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to thee;

feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee.

Text: William Williams, 1775; Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Huges 1907

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: Rev. Tom Groelsema; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Mike Miller;
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—Based on Psalm 43:3–4

Leader: Seek the Lord's light and his truth; let them lead you;
let them bring you to his holy hill and to his dwelling!

ALL: Come before the altar of God, to God your exceeding
joy, and praise him with the lyre, for God is your God.

Congregational Hymn—#108 Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Prayer of Adoration

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 1, T.H. p. 785

Old Testament Scripture Reading—2 Chronicles 7:17–22

And as for you, if you will walk before me as David your father walked, doing according to all that I have commanded you and keeping my statutes and my rules, then I will establish your royal throne, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to rule Israel.' 'But if you turn aside and forsake my statutes and my commandments that I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them, then I will pluck you up from my land that I have given you, and this house that I have consecrated for my name, I will cast out of my sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples. And at this house, which was exalted, everyone passing by will be astonished and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?' Then they will say, 'Because they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods and worshiped them and served them. Therefore he has brought all this disaster on them.'"

New Testament Scripture Reading—Hebrews 2:1–4

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Psalm—

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23)



1. My — shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is his name; —
2. When I walk through the shades of death thy pre-sence is my stay; —
3. The — sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days; —



In — past-ures fresh he makes me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream. —
One word of — thy sup-por-ting breath drives all my fears a-way. —
O — may thy house be my a-bode, and — all my work be praise. —



He brings my wand-'ring spir-it — back when I for-sake his ways, —
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my ta-ble spread; —
There would I — find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come; —



and leads me, for his mer-cy's sake, in — paths of truth and grace. —
My cup with bless-ings ov-er-flows, thine oil a-noints my head. —
No more a — strang-er, nor a — guest, but — like a child at home. —

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: RESIGNATION, The Southern Harmony, 1854

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#264 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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

Preaching of the Word—1 Kings 9

THE WARNING OF SOLOMON: THE DANGER OF DRIFTING

Bruce Creswell

Congregational Hymn—#457 Come, Thou Fount

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Bruce Creswell; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Dave Baxter;

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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

Worship Services at 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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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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