



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

November 26, 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 a number of wonderful thanksgiving songs. Each of the songs we will sing today point to different truths that are dear to us: God's people are God's harvest; God's people need God's blessing and guidance; God's people can't help but sing of Christ; God's people are made, as is all creation, to give grateful praise. At least one common denominator is that God's word of truth forms and fashions his people. While we can be thankful for many things, above all stands Christ and the Word of God.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Psalm 119:103–104

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

Introit—Fairest Lord Jesus

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.*

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Munster, 1677

Music: SCHONSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, arr. Jonathan Crutchfield

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 119:169–172

Leader: Let your cry come before the LORD! Say to him,
"give me understanding according to your word!"
Let your plea for deliverance rise according to his word.

ALL: My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me
your statutes. My tongue will sing of your word,
for all your commandments are right.

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple come, raise the song of har - vest home;
All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown;
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied:
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear;
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Hymn—We Gather Together

We gath-er to- geth- er to ask the Lord's bless- ing; he chas- tens and
Be- side us to guide us, our God with us join- ing, or- dain- ing, main-
We all do ex- tol thee, thou lead- er tri- um- phant, and pray that thou

has- tens his will to make known; the wick- ed op- press- ing now cease— from dis-
tain- ing his king- dom di- vine; so from the be- gin- ning the fight— we were
still our de- fend- er wilt be. Let thy con- gre- ga- tion en- dure thro' trib- u-

tress- ing: sing prais- es to his name; he for- gets not his own.
win- ning: thou, Lord, wast at our side:— all glo- ry be thine!
la- tion: thy name be ev- er praised!— O Lord, make us free!

Text: Theodore Baker, 1917;

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

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 19:1–14

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above
proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

ALL: **There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice
is not heard. Their voice goes out through all
the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

Leader: In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out
like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and,
like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

ALL: **Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing
hidden from its heat.**

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise
the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD
is pure, enlightening the eyes;

ALL: The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous
altogether. More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

Leader: Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern
his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall
be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

ALL: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD,
my rock and my redeemer.

Prayer of Confession of Sin—*from Anselm*

O Almighty and merciful Father, you pour your benefits upon us—
forgive the unthankfulness with which we have requited your
goodness. We have remained before you with dead and senseless
hearts, unkindled with love of your gentle and enduring goodness.
Turn us, O merciful Father, and so shall we be turned. Make us with
our whole heart to hunger and thirst after you, and with all our longing
to desire you. Amen.

Assurance of Grace—1 John 3:19–20

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart
before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than
our heart, and he knows everything.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—For the Beauty of the Earth

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint; Music: Conrad Kocher arr. Paul John Rudoi;

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—How Can I Keep from Singing

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



My life flows on in end - less song, a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion.
Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
What though my joys and com - forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!



I hear the clear, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

Text: Traditional; Music: Robert Lowry, arr. Nathan Clark George

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Revelation 10:1–11

A BITTERSWEET SCROLL

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now liv-ing a song of thanks-giv-ing to God the Cre-
His law He en-forc-es: the stars in their-cours-es, the sun in its
a-tor tri-um-phant-ly raise, Who fash-ioned and made us, pro-
or-bit, o-be-dient-ly shine; The hills and the moun-tain, the
tect-ed and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
riv-ers and foun-tains, the deeps of the o-cean pro-claim Him di-vine.
His ban-ners are o'er us, His light goes be-fore us, a pil-lar of-
We too should be voic-ing our love and re-joic-ing, with glad ad-o-
fire shin-ing forth in the night, 'Til shad-ows have van-ish-ed and dark-ness is
ra-tion a song let us raise, 'Til all things now liv-ing u-nite in-thanks-
ban-ish-ed, as for-ward we trav-el from light in-to light.
giv-ing to God in-the high-est, ho-san-na and praise!

Text: Katherine K Davis, 1939; Music: ASH GROVE, Traditional Welsh melody. Arr. Katherine K. Davis

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Bruce Creswell;
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Instrumental Director: Joseph Foucachon
3-7 Children's Choir; Men's Ensemble

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SERMON NOTES

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 146:1–2

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

ALL: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Congregational Hymnfest

New Testament Scripture Reading—2 Peter 1:3–11

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#170 Fairest Lord Jesus

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

Preaching of the Word—1 Kings 11

SOLOMON'S DISORDERED LOVES

Johannes Damaschke

Congregational Hymn—#604 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Benediction

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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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