



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

February 25, 2024

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

Today several of our songs are chosen to highlight the blood of Christ as a contrast to the blood of the wicked. We come to the Lord with great humility and thankfulness, because without the blood of Christ our blood would be required.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Psalm 97:1–2

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Introit

Call to Worship—Based on Portions of Psalm 18

Leader: Call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
for he will save you from your enemies.

**ALL: The LORD is my rock and my fortress
and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom
I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold.**

Leader: Fear the Lord all nations! For the foundations
of the mountains will tremble and quake because
of his anger. Out of the brightness before him hailstones
and coals of fire will break through his clouds.

**ALL: In your distress call upon the LORD; cry to your God
for help. From his temple he will hear your voice,
and your cry will reach his ears. For this give praise
to the LORD and sing to his name.**

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—O God, Beyond All Praising

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, key of B-flat major (two flats), and 3/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words aligned under specific notes and others under rests. The lyrics are as follows:

O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to -
The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly
Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we
day and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re -
bring, its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord Most
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our
pay; for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at
High; but hid - den from all na - ture th'e - ter - nal seed is sown - though
King; and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill, we'll
bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end: we
small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown: for
tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still: to
lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word, we
Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free, and
mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, and
hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Michael Perry, 1982 ©Hope Publishing; Music: THAXTED, from Gustav Holst *The Planets*, 1918

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Hymn—We Come, O Christ, to You



We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
 You are the way to God, your blood our ran - som paid;
 You are the liv - ing truth; all wis - dom dwells in you,
 You on - ly are true life to know you is to live
 We wor - ship you, Lord Christ, our Sav - ior and our King;

by whom all things con - sist, in whom all life be - gan. In you a -
 in you we face our Judge and Mak - er un - a - fraid. Be - fore the
 the source of eve - ry skill, the one e - ter - nal True! O great I
 the more a - bun - dant life that earth can nev - er give. O ris - en
 to you our youth and strength a - dor - ing - ly we bring: so fill our

lone we live and move and have our be - ing in your love.
 throne ab - solved we stand; your love has met your law's de - mand.
 AM! in you we rest, sure an - swer to our eve - ry quest.
 Lord! we live in you: in us each day your life re - new!
 hearts that all may view your life in us and turn to you!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1746; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770.

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Nahum 1:2–3

The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD is avenging and wrathful; the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies. The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

New Testament Scripture Readings—Mark 14:61–65

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophesy!” And the guards received him with blows.

1 Thessalonians 5:2–9

For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—1 Thessalonians 5:9–11

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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.

Congregational Song—Christ the True and Better



Christ, the true and bet-ter Ad - am, Son of God and Son of
 Christ, the true and bet-ter I - saac, hum-ble son of sac - ri -
 Christ, the true and bet-ter Mo - ses, called to lead a peo - ple
 Christ, the true and bet-ter Da - vid; low - ly shep - herd, might - y



Man; who, when tempt - ed in the gar - den nev - er
 fice; who would climb the fear - ful moun - tain, there to
 home; stand - ing bold to earth - ly pow - ers, God's great
 King. He, the cham - pion in the bat - tle; where O



yield - ed, nev - er sinned. He, who makes the man - y right - eous, brings us
 of - fer up his life. Laid with faith up - on the al - tar; Fa - ther's
 glo - ry to be known. With his arms stretched wide to heav - en, see the
 death, is now thy sting? In our place he bled and con - quered; crown him



back to life a - gain. Dy - ing, he re - versed the curse; then, ris - ing
 joy and on - ly son. There sal - va - tion was pro - vid - ed; oh, what
 wa - ters part in two. See the veil is torn for - ev - er; cleansed with
 Lord of Maj - es - ty. He shall be the throne for - ev - er. We shall



crushed the ser - pent's head. (to vs. 2)
 full and bound - less love. A - men, — a - men from be-
 blood we pass now through.
 e're his peo - ple be.



gin-ning to — end. Christ, the sto - ry; His, the glo - ry. Al - le - lu - iah, a - men.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—Sweet Hour of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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

O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my -
My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
Je - sus, the name that fears, that
He - breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he
Hear speaks and, list' - ning to His voice, new
Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your
great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free; his blood can make the
life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken
loos - en'd tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your
God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
earth a - broad the hon - ors and thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
Sav - ior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: AZMON, Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Revelation 14:14–20

A BLOODY HARVEST

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a foun-tain filled with blood drawn from Em-man-uel's veins;
 The dy-ing thief re-joiced to see that foun-tain in his day;
 E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flow-ing wounds sup-ply,
 Dear dy-ing Lamb, thy pre-cious blood shall nev-er lose its power,
 When this poor lis-ping, stam-m'ring tongue lies si-lent in the grave,

and sin-ners plunged be-neath that flood lose all their guilt-y stains;
 and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a-way;
 re-deem-ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die;
 till all the ran-somed church of God be saved, to sin no more;
 then in a no-bler, sweet-er song I'll sing thy pow'r to save:

lose all their guilt-y stains, lose all their guilt-y stains;
 washed all my sins a-way, washed all my sins a-way;
 and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
 be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
 I'll sing thy pow'r to save, I'll sing thy pow'r to save;

and sin-ners plunged be-neath that flood lose all their guilt-y stains.
 and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a-way.
 re-deem-ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
 till all the ran-somed church of God be saved, to sin no more.
 then in a no-bler, sweet-er song I'll sing thy pow'r to save.

Text: William Cowper, 1771; Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830

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. Joel May;

Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Instrumental Director: Joseph Foucachon;

Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship— Psalm 91:1-2

Leader: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

ALL: I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

Congregational Hymn—#377 Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet

Congregational Hymn—Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless



Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless Thy chos - en pil - grim flock
We would not live by bread a - lone, But by Thy Word of grace,
Lord, sup with us in love di - vine; Thy bod - y and Thy blood,

With man - na in the wil - der - ness, With wa - ter from the rock.
In strength of which we tra - vel on To our a - bid - ing place.
That liv - ing bread, that heav'n - ly wine, Be our im - mor - tal food.

Hun - gry and thirst - y, faint and weak, As Thou when here be - low,
Be known to us in break - ing bread, But do not then de - part;
Be known to us in break - ing bread, But do not then de - part;

Our souls the joys ce - lest - ial seek Which from Thy sor - rows flow.
Sav - ior, a - bid - e with us, and spread Thy ta - ble in our heart.
Sav - ior, a - bid - e with us, and spread Thy ta - ble in our heart.

Text: James Montgomery, 1835; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English folk song

Prayer of Adoration

Responsive Psalter Reading— Psalm 25, T.H. p. 792

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Exodus 40:32–38

When they went into the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed, as the LORD commanded Moses. And he erected the court around the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work. Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

New Testament Scripture Reading—John 17:6–11

“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#629 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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

Preaching of the Word—John 15:1–17

ABIDING IN THE FRIENDLY VINE

Nathan McNeely

Congregational Hymn—

#402 Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastoral Intern: Nathan McNeely; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Dave Baxter;
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is committed to worshipping God, making disciples, loving one another,
and serving the body of Christ.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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