

# 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

Call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, Leader: 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

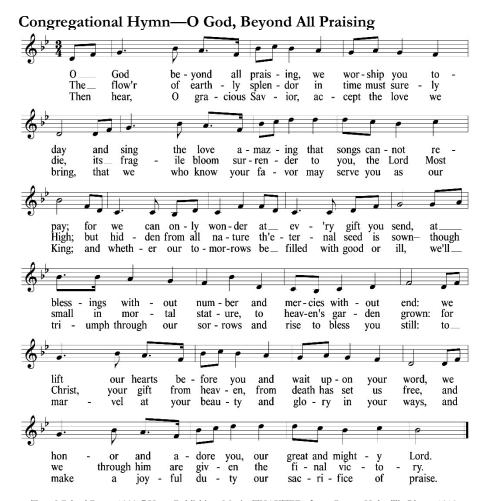
I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Fear the Lord all nations! For the foundations Leader: 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.

In your distress call upon the LORD; cry to your God ALL: 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**



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



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.



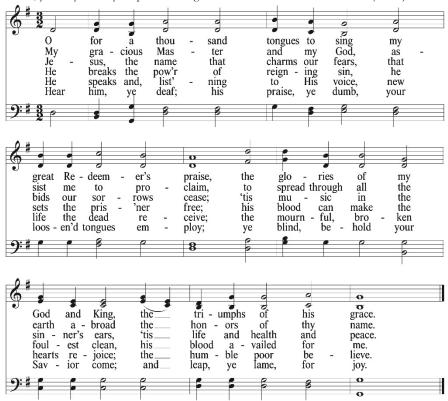
# Giving of Tithes and Offerings

# 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)



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

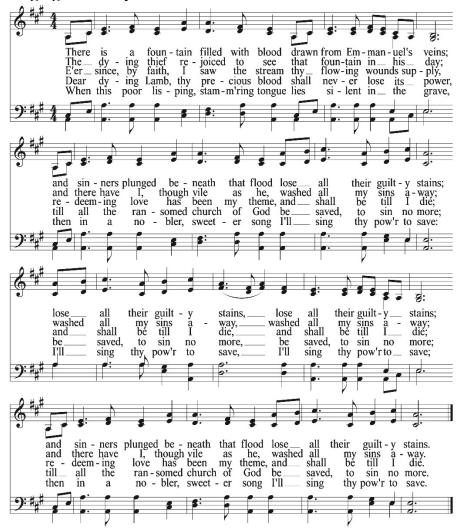
## Prayer of Illumination

# Preaching of the Word—Revelation 14:14–20

A BLOODY HARVEST

Kevin DeYoung

### Congregational Hymn—There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood



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

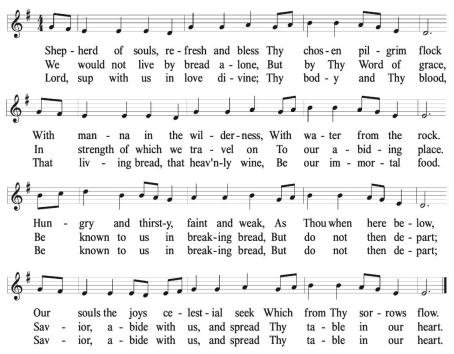
## Call to Worship—Psalm 91:1-2

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



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

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!

Interested in knowing more about Christ Covenant Church? Please contact Michelle Gustavson,
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Interested in a small group? Please contact Caleb Johnson,
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