



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ ONLINE EDITION

THE LORD'S DAY ~ March 3, 2024

that in everything he might be preeminent. —Colossians 1:18

WELCOME TO CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

We are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting for the first time or you've been here for years, we encourage you to look through the bulletin as you prepare for worship. Often, there will be some theme or main idea sprinkled throughout. Some elements of the service may be familiar to you, while other aspects might feel new. Either way, it will help to keep the basic pattern of worship in mind: praise, renewal, proclamation, and response. We encourage you to take a bulletin home for further reading and prayer. Finally, if you don't have a Bible, feel free to take one from the pew as our gift to you.

IN PREPARATION

As we pray about and for the spread of the gospel, it is good to be reminded that we too were once far off. With this fresh in our minds, our gratefulness for the grace of Christ should only increase, and our heart for others who need the same grace should grow. May that be true of Christ Covenant Church.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Matthew 25:37–40

Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

Introit—O Sing a Song unto the Lord

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 57:8–11

Leader: Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn!

**ALL: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

Leader: Sing along before the Lord, for his steadfast love is great
to the heavens, his faithfulness to the clouds.

**ALL: Exalted the God above the heavens! Let his glory
be spread over all the earth!**

Congregational Hymn—O Zion Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling

O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is light;
that he who made all nations is not willing
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain: Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Behold how many thousands still are lying,
bound in the darksome prisonhouse of sin,
with none to tell them of the Savior's dying,
or of the life he died for them to win. [Refrain.]

Proclaim to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom they live and move, is love:
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,
and died on earth that we might live above. [Refrain.]

Give of your own to bear the message glorious;
give of your wealth to speed them on their way;
pour out your soul for them in pray'r victorious;
and all your spending Jesus will repay. [Refrain.]

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1868; Music: TIDINGS, James Walch, 1875

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Song—Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

[Refrain] Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice;
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice.

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change and his mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.
[Refrain]

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace.

Over all the world his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call;
The truth that cries through ev'ry age, our God is all in all. [Refrain]

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Old Testament Scripture Reading—Leviticus 19:33–34

“When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

New Testament Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:1–3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—Ephesians 2:4–10

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Congregational Hymn—How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
while everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
each of us cry, with thankful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?

"Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room,
when thousands make a wretched choice,
and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
may with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: ST. COLUMBIA C.M. Old Irish melody

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—Not Ashamed

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—O God, to Us Show Mercy

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

O God, to us show mercy and bless us in your grace;
cause now to shine upon us the brightness of your face;
that so your way most holy on earth may soon be known,
and unto ev'ry people your saving grace be shown.

O God, let all men praise you, let all the nations sing;
in ev'ry land let praises and songs of gladness ring;
for you shall judge the people in truth and righteousness,
and through the earth the nations shall your just rule confess.

O God, let people praise you, let all the nations sing,
for earth in rich abundance to us her fruit shall bring.
The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall blessing send,
and all the earth shall fear him to its remotest end.

Text: Psalm 67, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: MEIRIONYDD, William Lloyd, 1840

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Psalm 67

WE ARE THE NATIONS

Victor Nakah

Congregational Hymn—To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that we may go in.

[Refrain] Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. [Refrain]

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

Text Fanny Crosby, 1875; Music: TO GOD BE THE GLORY, William Doane, 1875

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Victor Nakah; Assisting Pastors: Dr. Kevin DeYoung
and Rev. Mike Miller; Worship/Instrumental Director: Joseph Foucachon;
Assistant Choir Director: Barbara VanPatter; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins;
CCC 3–7 Children's Choir

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 118:1–4

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

ALL: Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love
endures forever.”

**ALL: Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love
endures forever.”**

Congregational Hymn—#447 Christ for the World We Sing

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Hymn—\$474 Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow!

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Genesis 17:1–8

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”

New Testament Scripture Reading—Revelation 21:22–27

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#140 O Word of God, Incarnate

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

Preaching of the Word—Psalm 117

THE GOSPEL IS FOR THE WORLD

Victor Nakah

Doxology

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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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