



# CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ ONLINE EDITION

THE LORD'S DAY ~ April 14, 2024

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

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### 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 continue through the easter season we take joy in singing of Christ as our crowned King as well as the revealed and wondrous mystery who overcame the grave. This week, as we take a short break from our study in Revelation, we will meditate on the truth that we are called to be Christ's body. Through Christ we are joined together,

through Christ we find mercy, and through Christ we are given hearts and minds ready and willing to follow after him.

## **SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM**

### **Announcements and Greeting**

#### **Scripture Meditation—1 Peter 3:8**

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

### **Introit**

#### **Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 61:1–4**

Leader: Come and let your cry ascend to your God, for he will listen to your prayer! Call to him when your heart is faint, for he will lead you to the rock. He will be your refuge and your strong tower against the enemy!

**ALL: Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!**

### **Prayer of Invocation**

#### **Congregational Hymn—Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc'd feet  
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou has died for me:  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1851; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868

### **Congregational Song—Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, in the dawning of the King.  
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, he, the perfect Son of Man.  
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hellbound man.  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ, the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death, the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord; he is alive.  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope.  
Christ, in power, resurrected, as we will be when he comes.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death, the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord; he is alive.

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## **Prayer of Adoration**

### **Old Testament Scripture Reading—Psalm 133**

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the

dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

### **New Testament Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:11–16**

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### **Confession of Sin**

#### **Assurance of Grace—Ephesians 2:18–22**

For through [Jesus] we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

#### **Confession of Faith—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 Sung Response—Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

Text and Music: Henry Wellington Greatorex, 1851

### **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

#### **Offertory—God So Loved the World**

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

Text and Music: from "*The Crucifixion*", Stainer

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Congregational Song—Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
for by my side the Savior, he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
for in my need, his power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.  
Through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
the future sure, the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
for he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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### **Congregational Song—His Mercy Is More**

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;  
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

[Refrain] Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn'  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father so tender is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;  
our sins they are many, his mercy is more. [Refrain]

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment. His life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
our sins they are many, his mercy is more. [Refrain]

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## **Prayer of Illumination**

### **Preaching of the Word—1 Thessalonians 5:12–14**

ORDINARY CHRISTIANS WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY CALLING

Derek Wells

### **Congregational Hymn—#644 May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

Text: Kate Wilkinson, 1925; Music: ST. LEONARDS, A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925

## **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. Derek Wells; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Zach Fulginiti;  
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 145:17–21

Leader: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

**ALL: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

Leader: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

**ALL: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

### Prayer of Invocation

#### Congregational Hymn—#3 Give to Our God Immortal Praise

#### Corporate Psalter Reading—Psalm 23 (KJV)

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

#### New Testament Scripture Readings—Luke 24:10-12; John 21:15-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**



## **Congregational Song—Jesus, Strong and Kind**

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

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.  
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.

[Refrain] For the Lord is good and faithful.  
He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus: Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him. [Refrain]

Jesus said if I am lost he will come to me.  
And he showed me on that cross he will come to me. [Refrain]

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## **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

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

## **Preaching of the Word—Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5**

### **A DOWNCAST DISCIPLE AND A KIND LORD**

Nathan George

## **Congregational Hymn—#184 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

### **Benediction**

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Nathan George; Assisting Pastoral Intern: Clay Anderson;  
Organist: Pam Eash

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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!

Interested in knowing more about Christ Covenant Church?  
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Interested in a small group?  
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