



# CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

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## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 14, 2024

**Standing on truth. Walking in grace.**

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## **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**

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.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024**

**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 man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 Crown him the Lord of peace; whose power a scep - ter sways  
 Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time,

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mus - ic but its own:  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glor - i - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - eff - a - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou has died for me:

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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

## Congregational Song—Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn - ing of the King.  
Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, he, the per - fect Son of Man.  
Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Christ, the Lord up - on the tree.  
Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by death, the God of life.



He, the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.  
In his liv - ing, in his suf - f'ring, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.  
In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners, hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.  
But no grave could e'er re - strain him, praise the Lord; he is a - live.



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come.  
See the true and bet - ter A - dam, come to save the hell-bound man.  
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold.  
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope.  
*Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by death, the God of life.*



Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law in him we stand.  
Bring - ing ma - ny sons to glo - ry, grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.  
Christ, in pow - er, re - sur - rect - ed, as we will be when he comes.  
*But no grave could e'er re - strain him, praise the Lord; he is a - live.*

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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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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)

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,  
That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not his Son in to the world to condemn the world;  
But that the world through him might be saved.*

Text and Music: from "The Crucifixion", Stainer

## Pastoral Prayer

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



What gift of grace is Je - sus, my re - dee - mer. There is no more for hea - ven now to  
 The night is dark, but I am not for - sa - ken, for by my side the Sa - vior, he will  
 No fate I dread, I know I am for - gi - ven, the fu - ture sure, the price it has been  
 With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has said that he will bring me



give. He is my joy, my righ - teous - ness and free - dom, my stead - fast  
 stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re - joi - cing, for in my  
 paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don, and he was  
 home. And day by day I know he will re - new me un - til I



love, my deep and bound - less peace. — To this I hold: my hope is on - ly  
 need, his po - wer is dis - played. — To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de -  
 raised to o - ver - throw the grave. — To this I hold: my sin has been de -  
 stand with joy be - fore the throne. — To this I hold: my hope is on - ly



Je - sus. For my life is who - lly bound to his. — Oh how  
 fend me. Through the deep - est val - ley he will lead. — Oh the  
 fea - ted. Je - sus now, and e - ver, is my plea. — Oh the  
 Je - sus. All the glo - ry e - ver - more to him. — When the



strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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**Congregational Song—His Mercy Is More**



What love could re - mem - ber, no wrongs we have done?  
 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?  
 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us.

Om - nis - cient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum.  
 What Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home?  
 His blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.

Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;  
 He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;  
 We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;

our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.  
 our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.  
 our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,  
 new eve - ry morn'; our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.

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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**

**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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## NOTES

## 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

Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.  
Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to him.  
Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to him.  
Je - sus said if I am lost he will come to me.

No one else can sa - tis - fy, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him.  
And he showed me on that cross he will come to me.

For the Lord is good and faith - ful. He will keep us day and night.

We can al - ways run to Je - sus: Je - sus, strong and kind.

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## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

## 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

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Services at 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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