



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 21, 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

The Lord has always called a people to be holy, to be set apart, to be the "called out" ones. And he has always been their guide and shepherd. The contrast between our passage in Revelation and our choral anthem could barely be greater. Yet at the same time, Psalm 23 reminds us that the Lord leads us to righteousness, that he is with us through evil times, and that our dwelling is to be with him.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Exodus 3:7–8

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

Introit

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 107:13–15, 22

Leader: Lift your voice and cry to the LORD, for he delivers his children from their distress.

ALL: He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart.

Leader: Thank the LORD for his steadfast love and for his wondrous works to the children of man!

ALL: Offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;
Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:
let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray, and praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747; Music: BEECHER, John Zundel, 1870

Prayer of Adoration

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Isaiah 48:17–21

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go. Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea; your offspring would have been like the sand, and your descendants like its grains; their name would never be cut off or destroyed from before me.” Go out from

Babylon, flee from Chaldea, declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it out to the end of the earth; say, "The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob!" They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts; he made water flow for them from the rock; he split the rock and the water gushed out.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Congregational Psalm—Jesus, I Come



Out of my bond - age, sor - row and night, Je-sus, I come; Je-sus I_ come.
 Out of my shame-ful fail - ure and loss, Je-sus, I come; Je-sus, I_ come.
 Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je-sus, I come; Je-sus, I_ come.
 Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je-sus, I come; Je-sus, I_ come.



In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness and light, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
 In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
 In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
 In - to the joy and light of Thy home, Je-sus, I come to Thee.



Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy health, Out of my want-ing and in - to Thy wealth,
 Out of earth's sor - rows in - to Thy balm, Out of life's storms_ and in - to Thy calm,
 Out of my - self to dwell in Thy love, Out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove,
 Out of the depths of ru - in un - told, In - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold,



Out of my sin_ and in - to_ Thy - self, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
 Out of dis - tress in - to ju - bi - lant psalm, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
 Up - ward for - ev - er on wings like a_ dove, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
 Ev - er Thy glo - ri - ous face to_ be - hold, Je-sus, I come to Thee.

Text: William Sleeper; Music: George Stebbins

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Parents, you may escort your pre-school-aged children to Children's Bible Time (B-102) after the collection bag has passed your pew. Thank you.

*My shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is his name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

Text: Isaac Watts, from Psalm 23; Music: Traditional hymn tune, arr. Thomson

Sacrament of Baptism

Covenant Baptism

Elizabeth Sherrill Bolick
Tate Daniel Bolick, Junior
Children of Tate and Leslie Bolick

Ruth Ann Wright
Daughter of James and Ann Louise Wright

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with him.
Yet, I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, his love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing; I am his forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven, and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ, I will encounter harm and hatred for his name.
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war.
And he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore.
And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.

Come rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward.
Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore.

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure;
Christ is mine forevermore.

Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson
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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Revelation 18:1–24

THE FALL OF BABYLON AND THE CALL OF THE CHURCH

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God!
 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love;
 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, through grace, a mem - ber am,

He, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for his own a - bode.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ring show - ing that the Lord is near;
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name:

On the Rock of Ag - es found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?
 thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day;
 fad - ing is the world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 Grace, which like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: AUSTRIAN HYMN, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

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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NOTES

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 47:6–7

ALL: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King,
sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

Congregational Hymn—Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem (*see next page*)

Congregational Hymnfest

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Pastoral Prayer

Preaching of the Word—Luke 24:36–49

ASSURED TO BE SENT

Dave Baxter

Congregational Hymn—#693 Blessed Assurance

Benediction

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Congregational Hymn—Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem

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1. Sing, choirs of new Je - ru - sa - lem, your sweet - est notes em - ploy,
 2. For Ju - dah's Li - on burst his chains and crushed the ser - pent's head,
 3. Tri - um - phant in his glo - ry now - to him all pow'r is giv'n,
 4. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all glo - ry to the Son,

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your sweet - est notes em - ploy, the pas - chal vic - to - ry to hymn
 and crushed the ser - pent's head; Christ cries a - loud through death's do - mains
 to him all pow'r is giv'n; to him in one com - mu - nion bow
 all glo - ry to the Son, all glo - ry to the Spir - it be

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1. in songs of ho - ly joy, in songs of ho - ly
 2. to wake th'im - pris - oned dead, to wake th'im - pris - oned
 3. all saints in earth and heav'n, all saints in earth and
 4. while end - less a - ges run, while end - less a - ges

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1. in songs of ho - ly joy, in
 2. to wake th'im - pris - oned dead, to
 3. all saints in earth and heav'n, all
 4. while end - less a - ges run, while

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1. in songs of ho - ly
 2. to wake th'im - pris - oned
 3. all saints in earth and
 4. while end - less a - ges

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1. in songs of ho - ly joy, in songs of ho - ly joy, in
 2. to wake th'im - pris - oned dead, to wake th'im - pris - oned dead, to
 3. all saints in earth and heav'n, all saints in earth and heav'n, all
 4. while end - less a - ges run, while end - less a - ges run, while

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joy, in songs of ho - ly joy!
 dead, to wake th'im - pris - soned dead.
 heav'n, all saints in earth and heav'n.
 run, while end - less a - ges run.

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songs of ho - ly joy!
 wake th'im - pris - soned dead.
 saints in earth and heav'n.
 end - - - - less a - ges run.

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8 joy, in songs of ho - ly joy!
 dead, to wake th'im - pris - soned dead.
 heav'n, all saints in earth and heav'n.
 run, while end - less a - ges run.

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songs of ho - ly joy!
 wake th'im - pris - soned dead.
 saints in earth and heav'n.
 end - - - - less a - ges run.

Text: Fulbright of Chartres; Music: LYNHAM, Thomas Jarman

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!

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