



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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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 presence of the Lord is a major theme from Genesis to Jonah to the last chapters of Revelation. For some it was a great comfort but to others it meant doom and destruction. Moses did not want to lead without the Lord's presence. Egypt trembled at it. Jonah tried to flee it. But through the blood of Christ, we are assured of the Lord's presence. The Spirit was promised and sent, and so we sing, "Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide."

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Exodus 33:13–14

[And Moses said to the LORD] "Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Introit

Call to Worship—Psalms 114:7–115:1

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

ALL: Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro -
 God ru - leth on high, al - migh - ty to
 Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the
 Then let us a - dore, and give him his

claim, and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful
 save; and still he is nigh - his pre - sence we
 throne! Let all cry a - loud and ho - nor the
 right, all glo - ry and pow'r, and wis - dom and

name; the name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex -
 have. The great con - gre - ga - tion, his tri - umph shall
 Son. The prai - ses of Je - sus the an - gels pro -
 might, all ho - nor and bless - ing, with an - gels a -

tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules ov - er all.
 sing, a - scrib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.
 claim, fall down on their fa - ces and wor - ship the Lamb.
 bobe, and thanks ne - ver cea - sing for in - fi - nite love.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1744; Music: LYONS, Johann Michael Haydn, 1737

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Song—Only a Holy God



Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en?
 What oth - er beau - ty de - mands such prais - es?
 What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
 Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?



Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?
 What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?
 What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?
 Who else would of - fer his on - ly Son?



Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles? On - ly a ho - ly God.
 What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with jus - tice? On - ly a ho - ly God.
 What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed? On - ly a ho - ly God.
 Who else in - vites me to call him Fath - er? On - ly a ho - ly God.



Come and be - hold him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing ho - ly,



for - ev - er a ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the ho - ly God.

Text and Music: Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson © 2016 CityAight Music

Old Testament Scripture Reading—2 Thessalonians 1:5–12

This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our

Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—2 Corinthians 4:13–15

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

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

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.

Text and Music: Henry Wellington Greatorex, 1851

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—Where Shall I Go From Your Spirit?

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

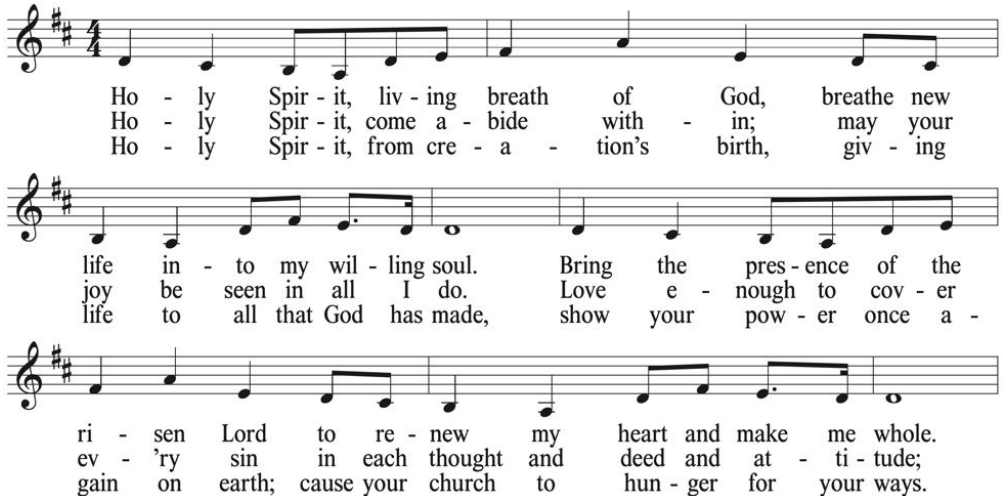
*Where shall I go from your spirit?
Where shall I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heav’ns, you are there,
And if I lie down in the depths, you are there.*

*And if I rise on the wings of the dawn,
If I go to the ends of the earth,
Even there you guide me,
Your hand will hold me fast,
Your hand will hold me fast.*

Text: from Psalm 139; Music: Kenney Potter

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Holy Spirit



Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing breath of God, breathe new
Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in; may your
Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing

life in - to my wil - ling soul. Bring the pres - ence of the
joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to cov - er
life to all that God has made, show your pow - er once a -

ri - sen Lord to re - new my heart and make me whole.
ev - 'ry sin in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude;
gain on earth; cause your church to hun - ger for your ways.



Cause your Word to come a-live in me; give me faith for what I
kind-ness to the great-est and the least, gen-tle-ness that sows the
Let the fra-grance of our prayers a-rise. Lead us on the road of
can-not see. Give me pas-sion for your pur-i-ty; Ho-ly
path of peace. Turn my striv-ing in-to works of grace. Breath of
sac-ri-fice that in u-ni-ty the face of Christ will be
Spir-it, breathe new life in me.
God, show Christ in all I do.
clear for all the world to see.

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Joshua 22

THE LORD IS IN OUR MIDST

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no shad-ow of
 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and stars in their
 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth thine own dear pres-ence to

turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-pass-ions, they fail not;
 cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
 cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er will be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
 to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
 bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see. All I have

need-ed thy hand hath pro-vi-ded; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord un-to me!

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1923

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Derek Wells;
 Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Instrumental Director: Joseph Foucachon
 Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins; Children's Choir

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 32:6–7

Leader: Let everyone who is godly offer prayer to the Lord at a time when he may be found.

ALL: O Lord, you are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Congregational Hymn—#599 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Text: *Hymns for the Young*, 1836; Music: SHEPHERD, William B. Bradbury, 1859

Congregational Psalm—My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23)



1. My shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is his name; ___
2. When I walk through the shades of death thy pre-sence is my stay; ___
3. The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days; ___



In past-ures fresh he makes me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream. ___
One word of thy sup-por-ting breath drives all my fears a-way. ___
O may thy house be my a-bode, and all my work be praise. ___



He brings my wand-ring spir-it back when I for-sake his ways, ___
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my ta-ble spread; ___
There would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come; ___



and leads me, for his mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. ___
My cup with bless-ings ov-er-flows, thine oil a-noints my head. ___
No more a stran-ger, nor a guest, but like a child at home. ___

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: RESIGNATION, The Southern Harmony, 1854

Prayer of Adoration

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Numbers 21:4–9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to

Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#131 Children of the Heavenly Father

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

Text: Carolina V. Sandell Berg, 1855; Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Traditional Swedish melody

Preaching of the Word—Colossians 1:9–14

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Bruce Creswell

Congregational Hymn—#469 How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

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

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Bruce Creswell; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Eric Russ;
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NOTES

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?

Please contact Michelle Gustavson, Engagement and Connections Ministry Manager, at mgustavson@christcovenant.org.

Interested in a small group?

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