



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ ONLINE EDITION THE LORD'S DAY ~ June 8, 2025

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

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

Our confession of sin, which is a portion of a prayer by Jeremy Taylor (1613–1667), responds very well to 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19. Unthankfulness is often accompanied by a critical and cynical heart. Today we have the opportunity to commit ourselves to being a grateful people.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Lamentations 3:22–23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Introit

Call to Worship—1 Chronicles 16:8–13

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**ALL: Sing to him; sing praises to him, tell of all
his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek
the LORD rejoice!

**ALL: Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

Leader: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he uttered, O offspring
of Israel his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Congregational Psalm—Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, his praise should sing?

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.

Text: from Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyle, 1834; Music: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss, 1869

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Psalm—Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

You made the starry host; you traced the mountain peaks.
You paint the ev'ning skies with wonders.
The earth, it is your throne from desert to the sea.
All nature testifies your splendor.

[Refrain] Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
Sing his greatness all creation.
Praise the Lord. Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths,
From furthest east to west.
Let ev'rything that has breath praise the Lord.

You reached into the dust; with love your Spirit breathed.
You formed us in your very likeness.
To know your wondrous works, to tell your mighty deeds,
to join the everlasting chorus. [Refrain.]

Let symphonies resound; let drums and choirs ring out.
All heaven hear the sound of worship.
Let ev'ry nation bring its honors to the King:
a roar of harmonies, eternal.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; Sing his greatness all creation.
Praise the Lord. Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west.
You distant burning stars, all creatures near and far,
From sky to sea to shore, sing out forevermore.
Let ev'rything that has breath praise the Lord.

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Old Testament Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 16:1–7

And they brought in the ark of God and set it inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD and distributed to all Israel, both men and women, to each a loaf of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then he appointed some of the Levites as ministers before the ark of the LORD, to invoke, to thank, and to praise the LORD, the God of Israel. Asaph was the chief, and second to him were Zechariah, Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel, who were to play harps and lyres; Asaph was to sound the cymbals, and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests were to blow trumpets regularly before the ark of the covenant of God. Then on that day David first appointed that thanksgiving be sung to the LORD by Asaph and his brothers.

New Testament Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 5:16–19

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Corporate Confession of Sin—*Jeremy Taylor*

You have given me a whole life to serve you in, and to advance my hopes of heaven; and this precious time I have thrown away upon my sins and vanities, being thoughtless of my time and of my talent, and of your grace and my own advantages, resisting your Spirit and quenching him. I have been a great lover of myself, and yet used many ways to destroy myself. I have pursued my temporal ends with greediness and indirect means. I am revengeful and unthankful, forgetting benefits, but not so soon forgetting injuries. ...I am unmerciful and unjust, a foolish admirer of things below, and careless of heaven and the ways that lead there. But for your name's sake, O Lord, be merciful unto my sin, for it is great. Amen.

Assurance of Grace—Colossians 1:12–14

[Give] thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Congregational Psalm—My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain,
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with his light,
And wrote his law of righteousness, with pow'r, upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside,
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love;
For every day I have on earth is given by the King,
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—How Great Thou Art

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the worlds thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.*

*Ad when I think that God his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"*

Text: Stuart Hine; Music: Swedish folk melody, arr. Dan Forrest

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Psalm—

O Thank the Lord for He Is Good (Psalm 118)

O thank the Lord, for he is good, His gracious love endures.

O let all Israel now say, "His gracious love endures."

O let the house of Aaron say, "His gracious love endures."

Let those who fear the Lord now say, "His gracious love endures."

In anguish to the Lord I cried; the Lord then set me free.
The Lord's with me, I will not fear. What harm can man do me?

The Lord supports me at my side, He gives his help to me;
And so in triumph I will look on all those hating me.

O better far to trust the Lord, than on man's help rely.
Yes better far to trust the Lord than men whose rank is high.

Text: Psalm 118:1–9; Music: WHITE LAKE, Michael Tabon, 1999
from *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, 2009 UBP

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Psalm 107

LET THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD SAY SO

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Psalm—With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

With grateful heart my thanks I bring,
before the great thy praise I sing;
I worship in thy holy place and praise thee for thy truth and grace;
for truth and grace together shine in thy most holy word divine.

I cried to thee and thou didst save,
thy word of grace new courage gave;
the kings of earth shall thank thee, Lord,
for they have heard thy wondrous word;
yea, they shall come with songs of praise,
for great and glorious are thy ways.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright, thou reignest in the heav'nly height;
the proud in vain thy favor seek, but thou hast mercy for the meek;
through trouble though my pathway be,
thou wilt revive and strengthen me.

Thou wilt stretch forth thy mighty arm
to save me when my foes alarm;
the work thou hast for me begun shall by thy grace be fully done;
forever mercy dwells with thee; O Lord, my Maker, think on me.

Text: from Psalm 138, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: ST. PETERSBURG, Dmitri Bortniansky, 1825

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Tom Groelsema;
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Instrumental Director: Joseph Foucachon
Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins; Ladies' Ensemble
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Shepherdess Recognition

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 145:18–19

Leader: Come, worship the LORD, for he is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

ALL: Look to the Lord your God! For he fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

Congregational Hymn—#198 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Text: Based on Psalm 24, Georg Weissel, Tr. By Catherine Winkworth;
Music: TRURO, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Hymn—#345 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 34, T.H. p. 796

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Genesis 2:21–25

So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

New Testament Scripture Readings—Matthew 19:1–12

Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. And Pharisees came

up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?” He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.” The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” But he said to them, “Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#674 I Need Thee Every Hour

Text: Annie S. Hawks and Robert Lowry, 1872; Music: NEED, Robert Lowry, 1872

Preaching of the Word—Malachi 2:10–16

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Derek Wells

Congregational Hymn—#457 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Derek Wells; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Mike Miller;
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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!

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