



# CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

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## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 8, 2025

**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

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 heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;  
 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor, to our fa - thers in dis - tress;  
 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
 Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
 praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
 in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.  
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the high E - ter - nal One.  
 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)



1. You made the star - ry host; you traced the moun - tain peaks. You  
 2. You reached in - to the dust; with love your Spi - rit breathed. You  
 3. Let sym - pho-nies re-sound; let drums and choirs ring out. All



paint the ev - 'ning skies with won - ders. The earth, it is your throne from  
 formed us in your ver - y like - ness. To know your won-drous works, to  
 heav - en hear the sound of wor - ship. Let ev - 'ry na - tion bring its



des - ert to the sea. All na - ture tes - ti - fies your splen - dor.  
 tell your might - y deeds, to join the ev - er - last - ing chor - us.  
 hon - ors to the King; a roar of har - mo-nies, e - ter - nal.

## Refrain 1 & 2



Praise the Lord, — praise the Lord; sing his great-ness all cre - a - tion. Praise the  
 Lord. — Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths from furth - est East to  
 West. Let ev - 'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord. — (To vs. 3)

## Refrain 3



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; sing his great-ness all cre - a - tion. Praise the  
 Lord. — Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths from furth - est East to  
 West. You dis - tant burn - ing stars, all crea - tures near and far, from sky to sea to  
 shore, sing out for-ev - er - more. Let ev - 'ry-thing 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 thank-ful - ness to him who bore my pain;  
 My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to him who walks be - side;  
 My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to him who reigns a - bove,  
 who — plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;  
 who — floods — my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es fears to fly;  
 whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love;  
 who — crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness — and clothed me — in his light  
 whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for ev - 'ry — step I take,  
 for — ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en — by the King;  
 and wrote his law of right - eous - ness — with pow'r up - on my heart.  
 sus - tain - ing me with arms of love — and crown - ing me with grace.  
 so — I — will give my life, my all, — to love — and fol - low him.

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## 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\_\_ gra - cious love en - dures.\_\_\_  
O\_\_ let the house of Aar - on say, "His\_\_ gra - cious love en - dures."\_\_  
In an - guish to\_\_ the Lord I cried; the Lord then set me free.\_\_\_  
The Lord sup - ports me at my side, He\_\_ gives His help to\_\_ me;\_\_  
O\_\_ bet - ter far\_\_ to trust the Lord, than on man's help re - ly.\_\_\_



O let all Is - ra - el\_\_ now say, "His\_\_ gra - cious love en - dures."\_\_  
Let those who fear the Lord now say, "His\_\_ gra - cious love en - dures."\_\_  
The Lord's with me, I will not fear. What harm can man do me?\_\_  
And so in tri - umph I\_\_ will look on\_\_ all those ha - ting me.\_\_\_  
Yes bet - ter 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 grate - ful heart my thanks I bring, be - fore the great thy  
 I cried to thee and thou didst save, thy word of grace new  
 O Lord, en - throned in glo - ry bright, thou reign - est in the  
 Thou wilt stretch forth thy might - y arm to save me when my

praise I sing; I wor - ship in thy ho - ly place and  
 cour - age gave; the kings of earth shall thank thee, Lord, for  
 heav'n - ly height; the proud in vain thy fa - vor seek, but  
 foes a - harm; the work thou hast for me be - gun shall

praise thee for thy truth and grace; for truth and grace to -  
 they have heard thy won - drous word; yea, they shall come with  
 thou hast mer - cy for the meek; through trou - ble though my  
 by thy grace be ful - ly done; for - ev - er mer - cy

geth - er shine in thy most ho - ly word di - vine.  
 songs of praise, for great and glo - rious are thy ways.  
 path - way be, thou wilt re - vive and strength - en me.  
 dwells with thee; O Lord, my Mak - er, 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;  
Worship Leader: Joseph Foucachon; Organist: Pam Eash  
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## NOTES

In humble reliance upon the word of God and prayer, Christ Covenant Church is committed to worshiping 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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