

CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ ONLINE EDITION THE LORD'S DAY ~ July 20, 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

One powerful picture we see in baptism is God's sovereign choice. Whether an infant or an adult, it is God's sign of inclusion in the visible family of God. In the case of a child, the parent humbly and joyfully acknowledges that their child has been placed in this family. In the case of an adult, they humbly and joyfully acknowledge the same. In both cases there is a powerful proclamation that it was not their choice, but the grace of God that brought this about. He formed us, chose us, named us, redeemed us. Praise be to God!

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Psalm 105:42–43

For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant. So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.

Introit

Call to Worship—Psalm 105:1–4

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!

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone; chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one, holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody; God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today; with thy wonted lovingkindness hear thy people as they pray; and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain; what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain, and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One; One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

Text: John Mason Neale, 1851; Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Smart, 1876

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Song—Come People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring him praise; Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him, Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

[Refrain] Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice; One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice.

Come those whose joy is morning sun And those weeping through the night; Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight. For his perfect love will never change and his mercies never cease, But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. [Refrain]

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith; Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace. Over all the world his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call; The truth that cries through ev'ry age, our God is all in all. [Refrain]

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Old Testament Scripture Reading—Exodus 19:1–8

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel." So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

New Testament Scripture Reading—Romans 12:1–2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—Isaiah 43:1

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

Giving of Tithes and Offerings Offertory

Sacrament of Baptism

Covenant Baptism

Charlie Owen Anderson
Son of Chace Anderson and Wenjun Wang

Eliza Faith Decker

Matthew Zealous Decker

Children of Jared and Charity Decker

Selah Jane McDonald
Daughter of Zach and Caroline McDonald

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—His Glory and My Good

I have seen my Father's glory, revealed in Jesus Christ, And the more that I behold him, the more he satisfies; When I gaze upon his beauty, when I see him as I should, Then my eyes are lifted upward for his glory and my good.

There is hope in every trial, for I can trust the Lord; He will turn my heart towards him, and help me bear the thorn. So in faith I follow Jesus on the road not understood, For I know that he is working for his glory and my good.

[Refrain] To our God be the glory, to our God be praise, He alone the name above all names. I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God, For I know his glory is my good.

See the open arms of Jesus, upon the cross that day, What they understood as weakness deserves my every praise; For the charge that was against me, it was nailed into the wood, Yes, I know that he has saved me for his glory and my good. [Refrain]

Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more? Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all? I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood, And with joy my heart shall praise him for his glory and my good. [Refrain]

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—1 Peter 2:4–12

A PRECIOUS POSSESSION AND A PROCLAIMING PEOPLE

Zach Fulginiti

Congregational Hymn—Christ for the World We Sing

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with loving zeal: the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with fervent pray'r: the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with one accord: with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with joyful song: the newborn souls whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

Text: Samuel Wolcott, 1869; Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1769

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Zach Fulginiti; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Derek Wells; Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Instrumental Director: Joseph Foucachon Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 47:1–2

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God

with loud songs of joy!

ALL: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,

a great king over all the earth.

Congregational Hymn—#441 Jesus Shall Reign

Text: Based on Psalm 71, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Isaiah 53:7-12

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

New Testament Scripture Reading—Romans 13:1–7

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Questions to Candidates
Questions to Congregation
Prayer and the Laying on of Hands
Pronouncement

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Are You Weary? Are You Languid?

Are you weary, are you languid, are you sore distress'd? "Come to me," says One, "and, coming, be at rest." Has he marks to lead me to him, if he be my Guide? "In his feet and hands are woundprints, and his side."

Refrain: Finding, foll'wing, keeping, struggling, is he sure to bless? "Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs answer yes!"

Is there diadem, as Monarch, that his brow adorns?
"Yes, a crown, in very surety, but of thorns."
If I find him, if I follow, what his promise here?
"Many a sorrow, many a labor, many a tear." [Refrain.]

If I still hold closely to him, what has he at last?
"Sorrow vanquished, labor ended, Jordan passed."
If I ask him to receive me, will he say me nay?
"Not till earth and not till heaven pass away." [Refrain.]

Text: John Martin Neale, 1862; Music: STEPHANOS, Henry W. Baker, 1868 Arranged and refrain added: Nathan Clark George, 2020

Preaching of the Word—1 Peter 2:13–25

FREEDOM AND SUBMISSION

Tom Groelsema

Congregational Hymn—#650 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Text: Philip P. Bliss, 1876; Music: MY REDEEMER, James McGranahan

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Tom Groelsema, Assisting Pastor: Rev. Eric Russ;
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash
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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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NEW TO CHRIST COVENANT?

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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