



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 20, 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

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 found-a - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner-stone;
 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of God on high,
 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, to - day;
 Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask of thee to gain;
 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or to the Son,

chos - en of the Lord, and pre - cious, bind - ing all the church in one,
 in ex - ul - tant ju - bi - la - tion pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy;
 with Thy wont - ed lov - ing-kind - ness hear thy peo - ple as they pray;
 what they gain from thee for - ev - er with the bless - ed to re - tain;
 laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er Three and ev - er One;

ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 God the One in Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 and thy full - est be - ne - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 and here - af - ter in thy glor - y ev - er - more with thee to reign.
 One in might, and One in glo - ry, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Text: Latin 7th century. translated by John Mason Neale, 1851; Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Smart, 1876

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Song—Come People of the Risen King



Come peo - ple of the Ris - en King Who de - light to bring Him praise.
Come those whose joy is morn - ing sun And those weep - ing through the night.
Come young and old from ev - 'ry land, Men and wom - en of the faith.



Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morn - ing Star of grace.
Come those who tell of bat - tles won And those strug - gling in the fight.
Come those with full or emp - ty hands. Find the rich - es of His grace.



From the shift - ing shad - ows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him,
For His per - fect love will nev - er change And His mer - cies nev - er cease
O - ver all the world His peo - ple sing, Shore to shore we hear them call



Where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach To _____ gath - er chil - dren in.
But fol - low us through all our days With the cer - tain hope of peace.
The truth that cries through ev - 'ry age, "Our _____ God is all in all!"



Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice!



One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, re - joice!

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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

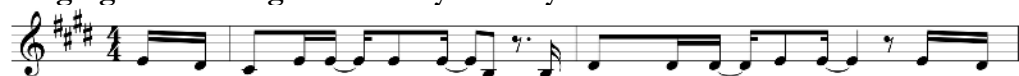
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Matthew Zealous Decker
Children of Jared and Charity Decker

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Daughter of Zach and Caroline McDonald

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—His Glory and My Good



I have seen my Fa - ther's glo - ry Re - vealed in Je - sus Christ. And the
There is hope in eve - ry tri - al For I can trust the Lord. He will
See the o - pen arms of Je - sus Up - on the cross that day. What they
Would I glad - ly be - made nothing That Christ would be - made more. Would I



more that I — be - hold Him, The more He sat - is - fies. When I
turn my heart to - wards Him And help me bear the thorn. So in
un - der - stood as weak - ness De - serves my eve - ry praise. For the
seek the on - ly king - dom That far out - weighs them all. — I will



gaze up - on — His beau - ty, When I see Him as — I should Then my
faith I fol - low Je - sus On the road not un - der - stood. For I
charge that was a - gainst me, It was nailed in - to — the wood. Yes I
stand be - fore my Fa - ther Where the faith - ful saints have stood And with



eyes are lift - ed up - ward For His glo - ry and my good.
know that He is work - ing For His glo - ry and my good.
know that He has saved me For His glo - ry and my good.
joy my heart shall praise Him For His glo - ry and my good.



Refrain

To our God be the glo - ry, To our God be praise. He a - lone, the name a - bove all —



names. I will boast ev - er on - ly in the Lord my God, For I know His glo - ry is my — good.

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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
 Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring

with lov - ing zeal; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and
 with fer - vent pray'r: the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less
 with one ac - cord: with us the work to share, with us re -
 with joy - ful song: the new - born souls whose days, re - claimed from

o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at countless cost from dark de - spair.
 proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

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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NOTES

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?

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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;

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Congregational Song—Are You Weary? Are You Languid?



Are you wea - ry, are you lan - guid, are you sore dis - tress'd?
Is there di - a - dem, as Mon - arch, that his brow a - dorns?
If I still hold close - ly to him, what has he at last?



"Come to _ me," says One, "and, com - ing, be at rest."
"Yes, a _ crown, in ver - y _ sure - ty, but of thorns."
"Sor - row van - quished, la - bor end - ed, Jor - dan passed."



Has he marks to lead me to him, if he be my Guide?
If I find him, if I fol - low, what his prom - ise here?
If I ask him to re - ceive me, will he say me nay?



"In his feet and hands are wound - prints, and his side."
"Man - y a sor - row, man - y a la - bor, many a tear."
"Not till earth and not till heav - en pass a - way."



Find - ing, fol - l'wing, keep - ing, strugg - ling, is he sure to bless?



"Saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs an - swer yes!"

Text: John Martin Neale, 1862; Music: STEPHANOS, Henry W. Baker, 1868
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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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