



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 15, 2026

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 human heart naturally wants to justify and defend itself. But the gospel says we must rely not on our own 'rightness' but on Christ's. Our faith is not put in our own ability, but it looks to Christ, trusts Christ, and rests in Christ. His work and his mercy are our fortress. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit!

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Hebrews 10:37–39

“Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

Congregational Response—Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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Call to Worship—Hebrews 10:21–23

Leader: Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad - ness to this heart;
 Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, up - on the shame - ful tree,
 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the aw - ful load
 Thy right - eous - ness, O Christ, a - lone can cov - er me:

they tell me all is done; they bid my fear de - part.
 have paid the law's full price and pur - chased peace for me.
 of sins that none in Heav'n or earth could bear but God.
 no right-eous-ness a - vails save that which is of thee.

To whom, save thee, who can a - lone sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1857; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Hymn—My Faith Looks up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,
When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine; now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -

guilt a - way, O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

Text: Ray Palmer, 1830; Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1832

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Habakkuk 2:1–4

I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. And the LORD answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

New Testament Scripture Reading—Galatians 3:11–14

Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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—From All that Dwell Below the Skies

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

*From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.*

*Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word.
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.*

*In every land begin the song: to every land the strains belong;
in cheerful sounds all voices raise, and fill the world with loudest praise.*

Text: Stanzas 1-2, Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; Stanza 3, Anon; Music: DUKE STREET, arr. Cindy Berry

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Thy Mercy My God



Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme of my song,
With - out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;
Thy mer - cy is more than a match for my heart,
Great Fa - ther of mer - cies, thy good - ness I own,



the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
and sin would re - duce me to ut - ter de - spair;
which won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part;
and the cov - e - nant love of thy cru - ci - fied Son;



thy free grace a - lone, from the first to the last,
but, through thy free good - ness, my spir - its re - vive,
dis - solved by thy good - ness, I fall to the ground,
all praise to the Spir - it, whose whis - per di - vine



hath won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast.
and he that first made me still keeps me a - live.
and weep to the praise of the mer - cy I've found.
seals mer - cy, and par - don, and right - eous - ness mine.

Text: John Stoker; Music: Sandra McCracken

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Romans 1:17

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A might - y fort - ress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
That Word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -
fail - ing; Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
los - ing; Were not the right man on our side, the
do - us, We will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth; The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through
mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: For still our an - cient foe
man of God's own choos - ing: Dost ask who that may be?
truth to tri - umph through us: The Prince of Dark - ness grim,
him who with us sid - eth: Let goods and kin - dred go,
doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth, his Name,
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
this mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may kill:
and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
From age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
For lo, his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Text: Based on Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529; Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529

Benediction

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 105:1–3

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;

ALL: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Congregational Hymn—#164 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: AZMON, Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829

Prayer of Adoration

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 40:11–17, T.H. p. 799

New Testament Scripture Reading—Romans 4:16–18

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.”

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Ezekiel 37:1–6

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Psalm—#486 God Be Merciful to Me

Text: From Psalm 51, The Psalter 1912; Music: REDHEAD, Richard Redhead, 1853

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#468 My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

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Text: Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891; Music: LANDAS, André Grétry

Preaching of the Word—Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 7

AN EXAMPLE OF TRUE FAITH

Mike Miller

Congregational Hymn—#679 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Text: Louisa M. R. Stead; Music: TRUST IN JESUS, William J. Kirkpatrick

Benediction

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Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 7

20. *Are all people then saved through Christ just as they were lost through Adam?*

No. Only those are saved who through true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his benefits.

21. *What is true faith?*

True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word; it is also a whole-hearted trust, which the Holy Spirit works in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation.

These gifts are purely of grace, only because of Christ's merit.

22. *What then must a Christian believe?*

All that is promised us in the gospel, a summary of which is taught us in the articles of our catholic and undoubted Christian faith.

23. *What are these articles?*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten 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 to heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will 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.

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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