



# CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ DIGITAL EDITION THE LORD'S DAY ~ April 19, 2026

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

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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**

Today, we will sing a portion of Psalm 103 to the tune of “Before the Throne of God Above.” Singing Psalm texts to familiar tunes is a long-standing practice which has a tendency to highlight the text simply because it's difficult to sing the lyric mindlessly. The first 14 verses of Psalm 103 express the Lord's kindness and his merciful nature. When considering where we are in Romans, this is a needed and encouraging reminder.

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

### Announcements and Greeting

#### Scripture Meditation—Psalm 85:10–13

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

### Introit

#### Call to Worship—Revelation 15:3–4

Leader: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways,  
O King of the nations!

**ALL: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?  
For you alone are holy. All nations will come  
and worship you, for your righteous acts  
have been revealed.**

### Prayer of Invocation

#### Congregational Hymn—O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:

to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Text: Michael Perry, 1982; Music: THAXTED, from Gustav Holst *The Planets*, 1918

## **Prayer of Adoration**

### **Congregational Psalm—Psalm 103**

Praise God, my soul! With all my heart let me exalt his holy name.  
Forget not all his benefits; his praise, my soul, in song proclaim.  
The LORD forgives you all your sins,  
and heals your sickness and distress;  
Your life he rescues from the grave,  
and crowns you in his tenderness.

He satisfies your deep desires from his unending stores of good,  
So that, just like the eagle's strength, your youthful vigor is renewed.  
The LORD is known for righteous deeds  
and justice to downtrodden ones.  
To Moses he made known his ways,  
his mighty deeds to Israel's sons.

The LORD is merciful and kind, to anger slow, and full of grace.  
He will not constantly reprove, or in his anger hide his face.  
He does not punish our misdeeds, or give our sins their just reward.  
How great his love—as high as heaven—  
Towards all those who fear the LORD!

As far as east is from the west, so far his love has borne away  
Our many sins and trespasses and all the guilt that on us lay.  
Just as a father loves his child,  
so God loves those who fear his name.  
For he remembers we are dust, and well he knows our feeble frame.

Text: Psalm 103; Music: Vicki Cook

## **Old Testament Scripture Reading—2 Samuel 12:5–7, 13**

Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man!" David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

## **New Testament Scripture Reading—Matthew 7:1–5**

"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **Corporate Prayer of Confession of Sin—**

*from the Book of Common Prayer*

**Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness:**

**We confess to you with our whole heart our neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments our wrong doing, thinking, and speaking; the hurts we have done to others, and the good we have left undone.**

**O God, forgive us, for we have sinned against you; and raise us to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Grace—Joel 2:12–13**

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

## **The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only 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 into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there he shall 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.**

## **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory—The Lord Bless You and Keep You**

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

*The Lord bless you and keep you:*

*The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.*

*The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace, Amen.*

Text: Numbers 6:24–26; Music: John Rutter

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Congregational Song—Speak, O Lord**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
to receive the food of your holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail,  
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us;  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace, we'll stand on your promises,  
And by faith, we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built  
and the earth is filled with your glory.

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## **Prayer of Illumination**

## **Preaching of the Word—Romans 2:1–3**

NO EXCUSE

Kevin DeYoung

## **Congregational Hymn—The God of Abraham Praise**

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.  
Jehovah! Great I Am! by earth and heav'n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name foreverblest.

The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command  
from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.  
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame and pow'r;  
and him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend;  
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend.  
I shall behold his face, I shall his pow'r adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;  
"Hail Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.  
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;  
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1770; Music: LEONI, Jewish melody

## **Benediction**

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastoral Intern: Harry Ovey  
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianists: Pamela Mullins and Ben Sincock;  
CCC Youth Choir

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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 PM

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship—Based on Hebrew 9:11–14

Leader: Praise the Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ, for he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

**ALL: Give him thanks and praise, for how much more will the blood of Christ purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God!**

#### Congregational Psalm—#76 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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

### Prayer of Adoration

#### Old Testament Scripture Reading—Leviticus 16:29–34

“And it shall be a statute to you forever that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict yourselves and shall do no work, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you. For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the LORD from all your sins. It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; it is a statute forever. And the priest who is anointed and consecrated as priest in his father's place shall make atonement, wearing the holy linen garments. He shall make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. And this shall be a statute forever for you, that atonement may be made for the people of Israel once in the year because of all their sins.” And Aaron did as the LORD commanded Moses.

## **New Testament Scripture Readings—1 Corinthians 15:50–58**

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **Congregational Hymn—#650 I Will Sing of My Redeemer**

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

## **Testimony of God’s Grace**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Congregational Song—Christ the True and Better**

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Christ the true and better Adam, Son of God and Son of man,  
Who, when tempted in the garden, never yielded, never sinned;  
He who makes the many righteous, brings us back to life again  
Dying, he reversed the curse,  
then rising, crushed the serpent’s head.

Christ the true and better Isaac, humble son of sacrifice,  
Who would climb the fearful mountain, there to offer up his life;  
Laid with faith upon the altar, Father's joy and only son,  
There salvation was provided, oh what full and boundless love.

[Refrain] Amen, amen, from beginning to end,  
Christ the story, his the glory, alleluia, amen.

Christ the true and better Moses, called to lead a people home,  
Standing bold to earthly powers, God's great glory to be known;  
With his arms stretched wide to heaven, see the waters part in two,  
See the veil is torn forever,  
cleansed with blood we pass now through. [Refrain]

Christ the true and better David, lowly shepherd, mighty King,  
He the champion in the battle, where, O death, is now thy sting?  
In our place, he bled and conquered, crown him Lord of majesty,  
His shall be the throne forever, we shall e'er his people be. [Refrain]

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## **Preaching of the Word—Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 16**

TO DIE IS GAIN

Clay Anderson

## **Congregational Hymn—#604 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart**

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1865; Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1885

## **Benediction**

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## Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 16

40. *Why did Christ have to suffer death?*

Because God's justice and truth require it: nothing else could pay for our sins except the death of the Son of God.

41. *Why was he "buried"?*

His burial testifies that he really died.

42. *Since Christ died for us, why do we still have to die?*

Our death is not a payment for our sins, but only a dying to sins and entering into eternal life.

43. *What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?*

By his power our old man is crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of thanksgiving to him.

44. *Why does the creed add, "He descended into hell"?*

To assure me during attacks of deepest dread and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from hellish anguish and torment.

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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