



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 19, 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

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 be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to -
Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we
day and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re -
bring, that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our
pay; for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at
King; and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill, we'll
bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end: we
tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still: to
lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word, we
mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, and
hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice 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 ex - alt his ho - ly name.
 He sat - is - fies your deep de - sires from his un - end - ing stores of good,
 The Lord is mer - ci - ful and kind, to an - ger slow, and full of grace.
 As far as east is from the west, so far his love has borne a - way



For - get not all his ben - e - fits; his praise, my soul, in song pro - claim.
 So that, just like the ea - gle's strength, your youth - ful vig - or is re - newed.
 He will not con - stant - ly re - prove, or in his an - ger hide his face.
 Our man - y sins and tres - pass - es and all the guilt that on us lay.



The Lord for - gives you all your sins, and heals your sick - ness and dis - tress;
 The Lord is known for right - eous deeds and jus - tice to down - trod - den ones.
 He does not pun - ish our mis - deeds, or give our sins their just re - ward.
 Just as a fa - ther loves his child, so God loves those who fear his name.



Your life he res - cues from the grave, and crowns you in his ten - der -
 To Mo - ses he made known his ways, his might - y deeds to Is - rael's
 How great his love — as high as heav'n — To - wards all those who fear the
 For he re - mem - bers we are dust, and well he knows our fee - ble



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sons.	his	might - y	deeds	to	Is - rael's	sons.	_____		
Lord!	To - wards	all	those	who	fear	the	Lord!	_____	
frame.	and	well	he	knows	our	fee - ble	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 re-ceive the food of your
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
Speak, O Lord, and re-new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plans for us— truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will



fash-ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise; cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord,
eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r
prom-is - es, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord,



and ful - fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry,
that can nev - er fail— let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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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

1. The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove,
 2. The God of A - braham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand
 3. He by him - self hath sworn, I on his oath de - pend;
 4. The whole tri - um - phant host gives thanks to God on high;

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.
 from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
 I shall, on ea - gles' wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.
 "Hail Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry.

Je - ho - vah! Great I Am! by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame and pow'r;
 I shall be - hold his face, I shall his pow'r a - dore,
 Hail, A - braham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays;

I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er - blest.
 and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.
 All might and ma - jest - y are thine, and end - less 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

Christ, the true and bet-ter Ad - am, Son of God and Son of
Christ, the true and bet-ter I - saac, hum-ble son of sac - ri -
Christ, the true and bet-ter Mo - ses, called to lead a peo - ple
Christ, the true and bet-ter Da - vid; low - ly shep - herd, might - y

Man; who, when tempt - ed in the gar - den nev - er
fice; who would climb the fear - ful moun - tain, there to
home; stand - ing bold to earth - ly pow - ers, God's great
King. He, the cham - pion in the bat - tle; where O

yield - ed, nev - er sinned. He, who makes the man - y right - eous, brings us
of - fer up his life. Laid with faith up - on the al - tar; Fa - ther's
glo - ry to be known. With his arms stretched wide to heav - en, see the
death, is now thy sting? In our place he bled and con - quered; crown him

back to life a - gain. Dy - ing, he re - versed the curse; then, ris - ing
joy and on - ly son. There sal - va - tion was pro - vid - ed; oh, what
wa - ters part in two. See the veil is torn for - ev - er; cleansed with
Lord of Maj - es - ty. He shall be the throne for - ev - er. We shall

crushed the ser - pent's head. (to vs. 2)
full and bound - less love. A - men, a - men from be -
blood we pass now through. peo - ple be.
e're his

gin - ning to end. Christ, the sto - ry; His, the glo - ry. Al - le - lu - iah, a - men.

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

Assisting in Worship: Preaching: Clay Anderson; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Derek Wells;
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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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