



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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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

James chapter 2 begins with, "My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory."

We begin our worship service praising God for his equity and justice. However, this should also be a terrifying thought. After-all, doesn't James 2 alert us to the fact our hearts are not like God's? Would not God be justified in condemning us? Therefore, we look to Christ, for he is our strong and perfect plea. We stand in his righteousness. When it comes to justification, we are judged not according to our 'own doing,' but Christ's. What a gift of grace!

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

Introit

Call to Worship—Psalm 96:10–11

Leader: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!

**ALL: Yes, the World is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad,

ALL: and let the earth rejoice.

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Psalm—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise.
 Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
 Food He dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,
 Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
 He is blessed whose hope of bles - sing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 Rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
 Heav'n and Earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er He be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges He is King;

He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 He de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness He will main - tain.
 Helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 Un - to Him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Text: Psalm 146, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: RIPLEY, Gregorian Chant

Prayer of Adoration

Old Testament Scripture Readings—2 Chronicles 19:4–7

Jehoshaphat lived at Jerusalem. And he went out again among the people, from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim, and brought them back to the LORD, the God of their fathers. He appointed judges in the land in all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, and said to the judges, “Consider what you do, for you judge not for man but for the LORD. He is with you in giving judgment. Now then, let the fear of the LORD be upon you. Be careful what you do, for there is no injustice with the LORD our God, or partiality or taking bribes.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—Ephesians 2:8–9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Confession of Faith—Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 38.

Leader: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

ALL: At the resurrection, believers, being raised up to glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—I Need Thee Every Hour

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

*I need thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.*

*I need thee, O I need thee, ev'ry hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.*

*I need thee ev'ry hour, stay thou near by;
Temptations lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.*

*I need thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.*

Text: Annie S. Hawkes and Robert Lowry; Music: Mark Shepperd

New Member Recognition and Baptism

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Before the Throne of God Above



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea.
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of the guilt with - in,
Be - hold him there the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous - ness,



A great High Priest whose name is Love who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
up - ward I look and see him there who made an end to all my sin.
The great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace.



My name is grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his heart.
Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.
One in him - self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his blood,



I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
For God the just is sat - is - fied to look on him and par - don me.
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God!



No tongue can bid me thence de - part. —
To look on him and par - don me. —
With Christ my Sav - ior and my God! —

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Romans 2:11–13

NO PARTIALITY

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—For All the Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold;
 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 who thee by faith be-fore the world confessed,
 — thou, Lord, their cap-tain in the well fought fight;
 — the fight as the saints who nob-ly fought of old,
 the through saints' tri-um-phant rise in bright ar-ray;
 through gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,
 thy name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er-blessed.
 — thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one-true light.
 and win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold.
 the King of glo-ry pass-es on his way.
 sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost:
 Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

Text: William Walsham How, 1864, 1875; Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Benediction

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NOTES

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 PM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 146:1, 10

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**ALL: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion,
to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

Congregational Hymn—#345 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: AUSTRIAN HYMN, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Hymn—#441 Jesus Shall Reign

Text: Based on Psalm 72, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 110, T.H. p. 825

New Testament Scripture Reading—2 Thessalonians 1:5–12

This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Psalm—God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

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God is our Re - fuge and our Strength, our ev - er pre - sent aid,
A riv - er flows whose streams make glad the ci - ty of our God,
The na - tions raged, the king - doms moved, but when his voice was heard
O come, be - hold what won - drous works Je - ho - vah's hand has wrought;
Be still and know that I am God, o'er all ex - alt - ed high;



and, there - fore, though the earth re - move, we will not be a - fraid;
the ho - ly place where - in the Lord Most High has his a - bode;
the trou - bled earth was stilled to peace be - fore his might - y Word.
come, see what de - so - la - tion great he on the earth has brought.
the sub - ject na - tions of the earth my Name shall mag - ni - fy.



though hills a - midst the sea be - cast, though foam - ing wa - ters roar,
since God is in the midst of her, un - moved her walls shall stand,
The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safe - ty is se - cure;
To ut - most ends of all the earth he caus - es war to cease;
The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safe - ty is se - cure;



yes, though the might - y bil - lows shake the moun - tains on the shore.
for God will be her ear - ly help, when trou - ble is at hand.
the God of Ja - cob is for us a re - fuge strong and sure.
the wea - pons of the strong des - troyed, he makes a - bid - ing peace.
the God of Ja - cob is for us a re - fuge strong and sure.

Text: Psalm 46, Scottish Psalter, 1912; Music: REFUGE AND STRENGTH, Gregory Wilbur, 2010

Preaching of the Word—Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Days 19 and 20

CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

Tom Groelsema

Congregational Hymn—#320 Rejoice, All Ye Believers

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700; Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry Smart, 1836

Benediction

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Heidelberg Catechism—Lord’s Days 19 and 20

50. *Why the next words: “and sits at the right hand of God”?*

Christ ascended to heaven, there to show that he is head of his church, the one through whom the Father governs all things.

51. *How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?*

First, through his Holy Spirit he pours out gifts from heaven upon us his members.

Second, by his power he defends us and preserves us from all enemies.

52. *How does Christ’s return “to judge the living and the dead” comfort you?*

In all distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very judge who has already offered himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me. Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven.

53. *What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?*

First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God.

Second, that he is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.

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

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