



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

This Sunday, we are reminded of two complementary realities. First, that God has promised to keep us such that nothing can pluck us from his hand. Second, that we are called to endure in the faith and abide in his love. Only God's sovereign grace frees us to actively participate in his work of sanctification; we love because he first loved us.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Philippians 2:12–13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Introit

Call to Worship—Psalm 47:1–2, 6–7

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.**

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

ALL: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Psalm—Rejoice, All People, Homage Give

Re - joice, all peo - ple, hom - age give, to God with
 He puts the na - tions un - der us and makes us
 God has as - cend - ed with a shout, Je - ho - vah
 Our God is King of all the earth, with thought - ful
 To praise and serve our cov - 'nant God the princ - es

voice of tri - umph sing; he rules us in dread
 all tri - um - phant stand; he gives us for our
 with the trumpet's sound; sing praise to God our King,
 heart his praise make known, o'er all the na - tions
 of the earth draw nigh; all king - ly pow'rs be -

maj - es - ty, the great, the u - ni - ver - sal king.
 her - it - age his prom - ised rest, a good - ly land.
 sing praise, yes, let his glo - ri - ous praise a - bound.
 God does reign, ex - alt - ed on his ho - ly throne.
 long to him, he is ex - alt - ed, God Most High.

Text: from Psalm 47, *The Psalter*, 1912.; Music: TRURO, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Song—Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor



Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor, in the fu - ry of the storm;
 Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor, while the tem - pest rag - es on;
 Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor, through the floods of un - be - lief;
 Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor, as we face the wave of death;



when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn;
 when temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle, and it seems the night has won;
 hope - less some-how, O my soul, now, lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry;
 when these trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal breath;



in the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few;
 deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac - cused;
 this my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see his love for - ev - er proved;
 We will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cured;
 Christ the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful ev - er true;



I will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 I will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 I will hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 and the calm will be the bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dured.
 We will hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.

Text and Music: Matt Boswell ©2014 Doxology & Theology

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Psalm 121

A Song of Ascents. I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

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—Rhosymedre

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

Author of life divine, who hast a table spread,
Furnished with mystic wine and everlasting bread,
Preserve the life thyself hast given, and feed and train us up for Heav'n.

Our needy souls sustain with fresh supplies of love,
Till all thy life we gain, and all thy fullness prove,
And, strengthened by thy perfect grace, behold without a veil thy face.

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: John David Edwards, arr by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—Jesus, Lover of My Soul



Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,
Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on thee;
Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

While the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:
Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
Spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740; Music: MARTYN, Simeon B. Marsh, 1834

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Jude

KEPT FOR JESUS CHRIST

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there a pre - cious foun - tain;
 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 Near the cross! O lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 Near the cross! I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er;

free to all, a heal - ing stream, flows from Calv - 'ry's moun - tain.
 there the Bright and Morn - ing Star shed its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand, just be - yond the riv - er.

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er,

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1869; Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1869

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastors: Rev. Clay Anderson;
 Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 PM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 66:1–5

Leader: Shout for joy to the God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!

ALL: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

Leader: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name."

ALL: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds
toward the children of man

Congregational Song—Fountain of Never Ceasing Grace



Foun - tain of nev - er ceas - ing grace, Thy saints' ex - haust-less theme,
Whom heaven's an - ge - lic host a - dores, Was slaugh-tered for our sin;
As all, when Ad - am sinned a - lone, In his trans-gres-sion died,
In him we have a right - eous - ness, By God him-self ap-proved;
Our souls his watch - ful love re - trieves, Nor lets them go a - stray,

Great ob - ject of im - mor - tal praise, Es - sen - tial - ly su - preme;
The guilt, O Lord was whol - ly ours, The pun - ish - ment was thine;
So by the right - eous - ness of One Are sin - ners jus - ti - fied;
Our rock, our sure foun - da - tion this, Which nev - er can be moved.
His right - eous - ness to us he gives, And takes our sins a - way:

We bless thee for the glor - ious fruits Thine in - car - na - tion gives;
Our God in flesh, to set us free, Was man - i - fest - ed here;
We to thy mer - it gra - cious Lord, With hum - blest joy sub - mit,
Our ran - som by his death he paid, For all his peo - ple giv'n,
We claim sal - va - tion in his right, A - dop - ted and for - giv'n,

The right - eous - ness which grace im - putes, And faith a - lone re - ceives.
And meek - ly bare our sins, that we His right - eous - ness might wear.
A gain to par - a - dise re - stored, In thee a - lone com - plete.
The law he per - fect - ly o - beyed, That they might en - ter heav'n.
His mer - it is our robe of light, His death the gate of Heav'n.

Text Augustus Toplady, 1774; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English Folk Song, adapted GDW, 2007

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Psalm—Blessed Are All They (Psalm 1)

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence on the fourth staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Bless - ed are all they — that shun sin's vain — and wick - ed ways.
Firm - ly plant - ed on — the banks of God's great stream of grace,
Bless - ed are all they — that shun sin's vain — and wick - ed ways.

For them has Christ sal - va - tion won; he lov - es them all their
they raise un - end - ing praise — and thanks to his — great glor - ious
For them has Christ sal - va - tion won; he loves them all their

days. God's ho - ly Word is their de - light; they — pros - per in — its
face. The wick - ed ones, they are not so, but, — dri - ven by — the
days. In Je - sus Christ's own right - eous - ness, though sin - ners fail — and

truth. In it they dwell both day - and night to flour - ish and bear fruit.
winds, they fall and per - ish, weighed with woe, when once God's wrath be - gins.
fall, — his flock he will pre - serve and bless, who on — his fa - vor call.

Text: Psalm 1; Music: Nathan C. George

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 1, T.H. p. 785

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 10:12–22

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

New Testament Scripture Reading—Romans 6:1–11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Psalm—Psalm 27: O Lord Teach Me to Follow You

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O Lord, teach me to fol - low you, in -
Give me not to my foes' de - sire; false -
Oh! What if I had not be - lieved! I -
With pa - tience wait up - on the Lord, O -

struct me in your way, and lead me on a
wit - ness - es a - rise a - gainst me breath - ing
am by faith as - sured that in the land of
let your strength be great; and so let cour - age

le - vel path be - cause of foes, I pray!
vi - o - lence and seek - ing my de - mise.
life I'll see the good - ness of the Lord.
fill your heart as on the Lord you wait.

Text: Psalm 27:11-14; Music: LOUISE, Robert M. Copland, 1972, ©Crown and Covenant

Preaching of the Word—Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 32

HOW TO THINK ABOUT GOOD WORKS

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—#532 Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way

Text: William T. Matson, 1866; Music: PENITENCE, *St. Albans Tune Book*, 1875

Benediction

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Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 32

86. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works

Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also renewing us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, and that he may be praised through us, and further, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

87. Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and unrepentant ways?

By no means. Scripture tells us that no person, no idolater, adulterer, thief, no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like will inherit the kingdom of God.

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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