



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ DIGITAL EDITION THE LORD'S DAY ~ September 20, 2026

Standing on truth. Walking in grace.

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

“Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.” Many have suggested that God's justice is a cruel reality. But the vast history of hymnody rightly points to the balance of God's love, mercy, kindness, holiness, justice, etc. The Christian witness is that all of God's attributes are necessary to his character and nature. Love cannot be love if it is not also just. It is right and good that we sing of justice and love in the same breath.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Introit

Call to Worship—Psalm 97:10–12

Leader: O you who love the LORD, hate evil!

ALL: He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Leader: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

ALL: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

Text: Vs. 1,2: Edward Perronet, 1779, alt. Vs. 3: John Rippon, 1787;
Music: DIADEM, James Ellor, 1838

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Hymn—Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean

Here is love vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,
when the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of God's mercy, flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above.
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

On the morn of resurrection, mercy filled the thirsty grave
where the stone of death burst open, springs of life flowed unrestrained.
Love no heart could ever measure, joy no sorrows will outrun
rush upon the soul believing in the risen, reigning Son.

Oh this love, vast love of Jesus, bids us come and drink and live.
To this weary world of longing, what more could our Savior give?
Now to Christ who fully loved us and who freed us from our sin,
be all glory and dominion, everlasting praise to Him.

Words: William Rees, 1847, tr. William Edwards, 1899,
vss. 3-4, Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, Kristin Getty ©2024 Getty Music Publishing;
Music: Robert Lowry, 1876

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 32:1–4

Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak, and let the earth hear the words of my mouth. May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb. For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God! The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Father of mercies, you do not delight in the death of a sinner. Extend your compassion upon us and wash us from all our sins; create in us a clean heart, and strengthen us continually with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may set forth your praises, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

—The Scottish Collects (1595)

Assurance of Grace—1 John 2:1

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—Hallelujah (from *the Sacred Harp*)

*And let this feeble body fail, and let it faint or die;
My soul shall quit this mournful vale, and soar to worlds on high,
And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah,
And we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.*

*Shall join the disembodied saints, and find its long-sought rest,
That only bliss for which it pants, in my Redeemer's breast.
And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah,
And we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.*

*O what are all my suff'rings here, if, Lord, Thou count me meet
With that enraptured host t'appear, and worship at thy feet!
And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah,
And we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.*

*Give joy or grief, give ease or pain, take life or friends away,
But let me find them all again, in that eternal day.
And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah,
And we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.*

Text: Traditional; Music: Robert Lowry, arr. Nathan Clark George

Sacrament of Baptism

Covenant Baptism

Caleb James Ovey
Son of Harry and Emma Ovey

Charlotte Kay Souther
Virginia Ruth Souther
Daughters of Cortland and Caroline Souther

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Fountain of Never-Ceasing Grace

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

Fountain of never ceasing grace, thy saints' exhaustless theme,
great object of immortal praise, essentially supreme;
we bless thee for the glorious fruits thine incarnation gives;
the righteousness which grace imputes, and faith alone receives.

Whom heaven's angelic host adores, was slaughtered for our sin;
the guilt, O Lord was wholly ours, the punishment was thine:
Our God in flesh, to set us free, was manifested here;
and meekly bare our sins, that we his righteousness might wear.

As all, when Adam sinned alone, in his transgression died,
so by the righteousness of One are sinners justified;
we to thy merit gracious Lord, with humblest joy submit,
again to paradise restored, in thee alone complete.

In him we have a righteousness, by God himself approved;
our rock, our sure foundation this, which never can be moved.
Our ransom by his death he paid, for all his people giv'n,
the law he perfectly obeyed, that they might enter heav'n.

Text: Augustus Toplady, 1774; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English Folk Song, adapted by Greg Wilbur, 2007

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Romans 3:26

JUST AND THE JUSTIFIER

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—Nothing but the Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

[Refrain] Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

Nothing can for sin atone: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
[Refrain]

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

Text: Robert Lowry, 1876; Music: PLAINFIELD, Robert Lowry, 1876

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Dave Baxter;
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Instrumental Director: Joseph Foucachon;
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 116:5–7

Leader: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

ALL: The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Leader: Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Hymn—#390 Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1737; Music: GERMANY, William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 92, T.H. p. 817

New Testament Scripture Reading—Mark 2:23–3:6

One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. And he looked around at them

with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#535 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

Parents, you may escort your pre-school aged children to Building Little Pillars (B-106).

Text: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; Music: EBENEZER, Thomas John Williams, 1890

Preaching of the Word—Heidelberg Catechism—Lord’s Day 38

GIVE IT A REST!

Blair Smith

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Words of Institution

Fencing of the Table

Distribution of the Elements

Congregational Hymn—Come, Ye Disconsolate

Come, ye disconsolate, where’er ye languish,
come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the comforter, tenderly saying,
“Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot cure.”

Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

Text: Thomas Moore, 1816; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2007

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregational Hymn—Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois's *Psautier Huguenot*, 1551

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Blair Smith; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Clay Anderson;
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Pianist: Ben Sincock
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Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 38

103. What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

First, that the gospel ministry and schools for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I diligently attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to the Lord publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.

Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.

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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NEW TO CHRIST COVENANT?

We hope you will visit the Guest Center in the main lobby so we can meet you!

Interested in knowing more about Christ Covenant Church?
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