



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ DIGITAL EDITION THE LORD'S DAY ~ September 27, 2026

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

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

Our worship services are often very thematic. This usually means that the hymns, readings, and prayers are focused on some aspect of the preached word. At other times, songs are chosen in order to simply lift our hearts in praise, or because we are learning new tunes and texts, or because they respond to the proceeding passage, etc. Today we will open with two songs we began learning earlier this year. And yet, in them are phrases that hint at our theme of the Lord's salvation. As you meditate on what we say and sing, either during the service or later on your own, ask the Lord's Spirit to help you recall his word, make connections, and to see Jesus Christ again.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Psalm 13:5–6

I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Introit

Call to Worship—Psalm 43:3–5

Leader: Send out your light and your truth;

**ALL: Let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling!**

Leader: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

**ALL: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.**

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Song—To You My Life Belongs

When burdens of my weary soul are more than I can bear,
before my fleeting hope erodes, my Savior Christ is there.
I look to him with all my cares, the One who calms my fears
in all my dangers, toils and snares, my gracious Lord appears.

[Refrain] Deliverer and rescuer, the ransom for my wrongs;
Beloved lover of my soul, to you my life belongs!

When Satan's lies accuse my heart of faithlessness and doubt,
defend me from his flaming darts, and drive temptation out.

My fortress in my faltering; my shelter in the storm;
beneath the shadow of your wings I rest forevermore. [Refrain]

When wandering in foolishness, in selfish sin and pride;
when surging waves of guilt oppress, in you, O Lord, I hide.
When all around my soul gives way, my only rock is Christ:
my anchor in that final day, the keeper of my life! [Refrain]

O David's Son, you are my king, a refuge safe and strong!
My rock and shield, Redeemer God: to you my life belongs!

Text and Lyrics: Ben Preiser, Jon Anderson, Nathan Clark George, and Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Song—Rise with the Sun

There's a song that's sung through the nations,
of joyful thanks to the king,
where the countless saints who are rescued
praise Jesus who set them all free.

Hear the anthem sung in the islands,
where sun first touches the earth.
Over land and sea it advances, now joined by the saints of this church.

[Refrain] Rise with the sun, lift up his name.
All through the earth we sing out his praise.
East to the west, night to the day,
join in the song and sing out his praise.

I will add my voice to the chorus of many people and tongues,
for we share the gift of salvation and share in the life yet to come.

And the church will sing: Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord.
You're the glorious one, we lift up your name.

And the church will sing: Tabu, Heilig, Oli are you, Lord.
You're the lamb who was slain, we lift up your name.
And the church will sing: ShèngJié, Santo, Kadosh are you, Lord.
You're the king who was raised, we lift up your name.

And the church will sing: Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord.
You're the king who was raised, we lift up your name. [Refrain]

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Prayer of Adoration

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Genesis 15:1–6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

New Testament Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 1:8–9

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—Titus 3:4–7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Congregational Sung Response—Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

Text and Music: Henry Wellington Greathouse, 1851

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—Jesus Paid It All

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

*I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."*

*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, he
washed it white as snow.*

*Lord, now indeed I find thy power and thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.*

*For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim,
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.*

*And when before the throne I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.*

Text: Elvina M. Hall; Music: ALL TO CHRIST, John T. Grape, arr. Howard Helvey

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Congregational Song—Not What My Hands Have Done

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord to thee,
can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;
thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;
no strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
and with unfalt'ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.
This cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb
each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling'ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;
he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.
'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1861; Music: LEOMINSTER, George Walter Martin, 1862

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Romans 3:27–28

FAITH ALONE

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Song—Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there,
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by his blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Derek Wells;
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Instrumental Director: Jospeh Foucachon; Ladies Ensemble
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 PM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 31:23–24

Leader: Love the LORD, all you his saints!

ALL: The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

Leader: Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!

ALL: [Love the LORD, all you his saints!]

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn Sing

New Testament Scripture Reading—Ephesians 5:18b–21

Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Psalm—

Blest the Man who Fears Jehovah (Psalm 128)

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

Blest the man who fears Jehovah, ever walking in his ways.
By your toil you shall be prospered and be happy all your days.

In your wife you shall have gladness she will fill your home with good.
Happy in her loving service and the joys of motherhood.

Joyful children, sons and daughters shall around your table meet.
Olive plants, in strength and beauty, full of hope and promise sweet.

Lo, on him who fears Jehovah shall this blessedness attend,
for Jehovah out of Zion shall to you his blessing send.

You shall see God's kingdom prosper
all your days till life shall cease,
may you see your children's children, on our people Lord, be peace.

Text: The Psalter, 1812, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2017; Music: OWL HOLLOW, Henry C. Haffner, 2017

Preaching of the Word—Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 39

HONOR, LOVE, AND LOYALTY

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—#116 For the Beauty of the Earth

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1836

Benediction

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Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 39

104. What is God's will for you in the fifth commandment?

That I show honor, love, faithfulness to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; submit myself with proper obedience to all their good teaching and discipline; and also that I be patient with their failings—for by their hand God wills to rule us.

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

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Interested in a small group?

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