



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ ONLINE EDITION THE LORD'S DAY ~ October 4, 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

For many the word law mainly evokes something negative. But the psalmist prays to behold wondrous things in the law, he expresses delight in it and compares it to honey. Words such as voice, speech, word, charge, and more ultimately point to the Living Word, who is the fulfillment of the law.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Psalm 119:17–18

Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.
Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship—Psalm 34:8–11

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

**ALL: Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!**

Leader: The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

**ALL: Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

Congregational Hymn—O Word of God Incarnate

O Word of God Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps shines on from age to age.

The church from her dear Master received the gift divine,
and still that light she lifteth o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket, where gems of truth are stored;
it is the heav'n-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

It floateth like a banner before God's host unfurled;
it shineth like a beacon above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,
'mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.

O make thy church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations thy true light, as of old.
O teach thy wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.

Text: William Walsham How, 1867; Music: MUNICH, *Meiningen Gesangbuch*, 1693

Prayer of Adoration

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Genesis 26:1–5

Now there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar to Abimelech king of the Philistines. And the LORD appeared to him and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.”

New Testament Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:1–2

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin and Thanksgiving for Assurance

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—Create In Me a Clean Heart

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

Send forth thy light and thy love, O Lord.

Fill my heart with thy Holy Spirit.

Lead me into thy presence and teach me to love thy ways, O Jesus.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,

and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence

and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,

and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Text: Psalm 43:3, 51:9–10; Music: J.A. Freylinghausen, arr. Paul Christiansen

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Psalm—My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain,
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with his light,
And wrote his law of righteousness, with pow'r, upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside,
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love;
For every day I have on earth is given by the King,
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Romans 3:29–31

UPHOLDING THE LAW

Kevin DeYoung

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

**Invitation, Fencing of the Table, and the Words of Institution
Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

Congregational Song—Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, he, the perfect Son of Man.
In his living, in his suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hellbound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ, the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord; he is alive.
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ, in power, resurrected, as we will be when he comes.

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Prayer for our Special Offering

Please place all special /monthly communion offering gifts in an envelope (found in pews) and label it 'Special Communion Offering'.

Congregational Hymn—Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns;
through distant lands his triumphs spread;
and sinners, freed from endless pains,
own him their Savior and their Head.

He calls his chosen from afar; they all at Zion's gates arrive;
those who were dead in sin before
by sov'reign grace are made alive.

Gentiles and Jews his laws obey; nations remote their off'rings bring,
and unconstrained their homage pay to their exalted God and King.

O may his holy church increase, his Word and Spirit still prevail,
while angels celebrate his praise, and saints his growing glories hail.

Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb, from all below and all above!
In lofty songs exalt his name, in songs as lasting as his love.

Text: Benjamin Beddome, 1769; Music: TRURO, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: 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 106:1–2, 48

Leader: Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever!

**ALL: Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,
or declare all his praise?**

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!

ALL: And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!

Congregational Psalm—#57 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Text: Psalm 146, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: RIPLEY, Gregorian chant, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

Congregational Song—His Glory and My Good

I have seen my Father's glory, revealed in Jesus Christ,
And the more that I behold him, the more he satisfies;
When I gaze upon his beauty, when I see him as I should,
Then my eyes are lifted upward for his glory and my good.

There is hope in every trial, for I can trust the Lord;
He will turn my heart towards him, and help me bear the thorn.
So in faith I follow Jesus on the road not understood,
For I know that he is working for his glory and my good.

[Refrain] To our God be the glory, to our God be praise,
He alone the name above all names.
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God,
For I know his glory is my good.

See the open arms of Jesus, upon the cross that day,
What they understood as weakness deserves my every praise;

For the charge that was against me, it was nailed into the wood,
Yes, I know that he has saved me for his glory and my good.
[Refrain]

Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more?
Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all?
I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood,
And with joy my heart shall praise him for his glory and my good.
[Refrain]

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Prayer of Adoration

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 139, T.H. p. 836

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Leviticus 19:17–18

You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

New Testament Scripture Reading—Romans 13:8–10

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Psalm—#36 Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

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

Text: Psalm 139:1–12; *The Psalter*, 1912;

Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, melody adapted by Michael Praetorius

Preaching of the Word—Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 40

LIFE AND LOVE

Bruce Creswell

Congregational Hymn—#359 Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Text: John Fawcett, 1782; Music: DENNIS, Hans G. Nägeli

Benediction

Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Bruce Creswell;
Assisting Pastor: Rev. Zach Fulginiti; Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Pianist: Ben Sincock

Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 40

105. What is God's will for the sixth commandment?

I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor—not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be party to this in others, rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either.

Prevention of murder is also why the government is armed with the sword.

106. Does this commandment refer only to murder?

By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vengefulness. In God's sight all such are disguised forms of murder.

107. Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

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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