

CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 25, 2026

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

Today we are reminded to look to the Lord for help, aid, protection, defense, etc. We ask him to descend upon us, bless us, comfort us. We also ask him to heal us, to be with us in times of darkness, to abide with us. In other words, we will find many ways to express our dependency on the Lord. Since we know he works all things together for our good, let us draw near to the throne of grace with confidence.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Ephesians 3:20–21

> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
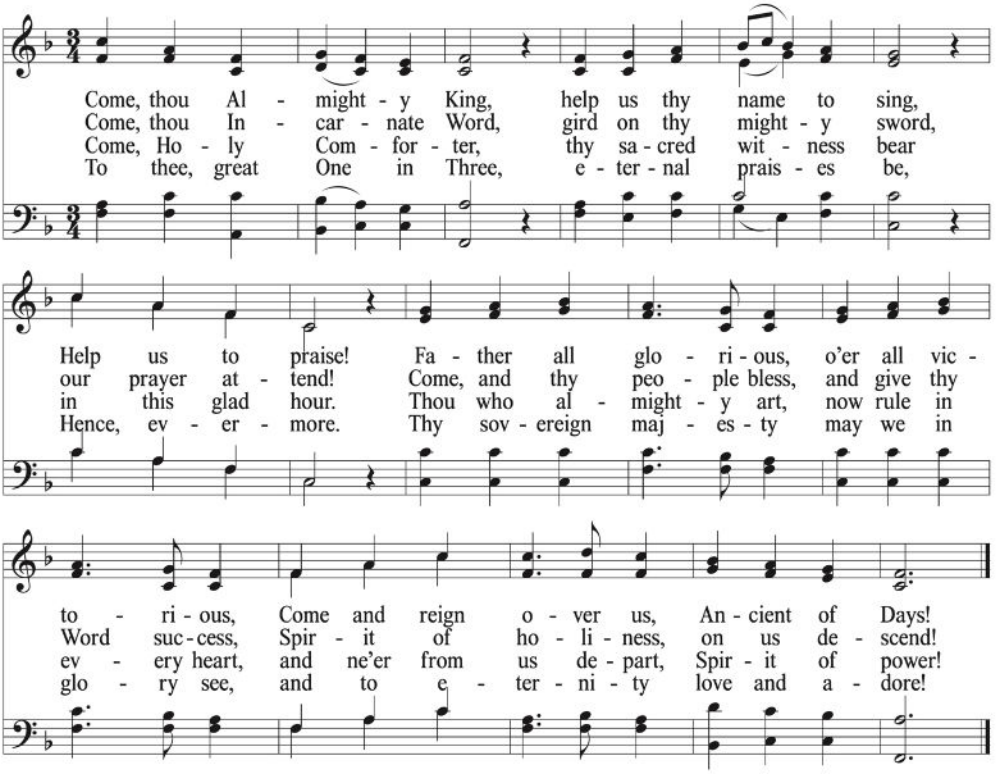
Introit

Call to Worship—Psalm 115:9–11

Leader: O Israel, trust in the LORD!
ALL: He is their help and their shield.
Leader: O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!
ALL: He is their help and their shield.
Leader: You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
ALL: He is their help and their shield.

Prayer of Invocation
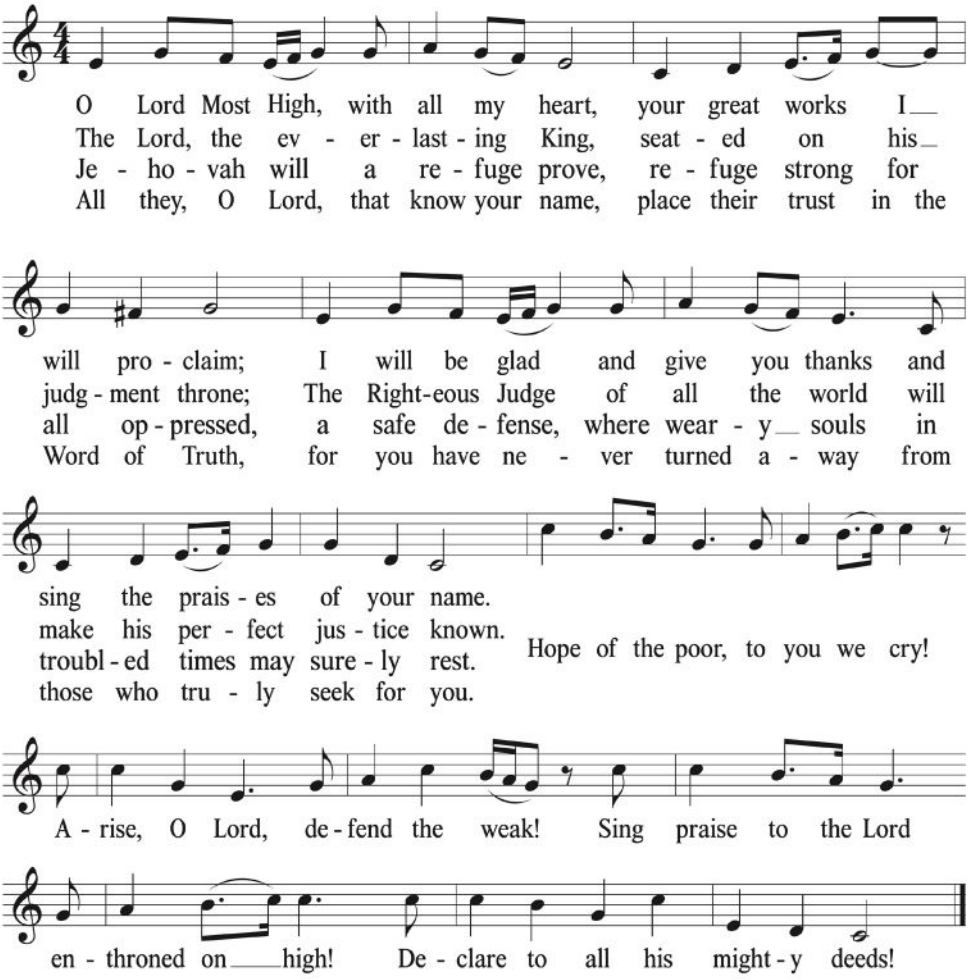
Congregational Hymn—Come, Thou Almighty King



Text: Anonymous, ca. 1757; Music: TRINITY, Felice de Giardini, 1769

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Psalm—Psalm 9: Hope of the Poor



Text: *1912 Psalter*, Alt. Nathan C George; Music: Nathan C George, 2013

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Psalm 145:14–20

The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

New Testament Scripture Reading—Romans 8:26–28

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—Hebrews 4:15–16

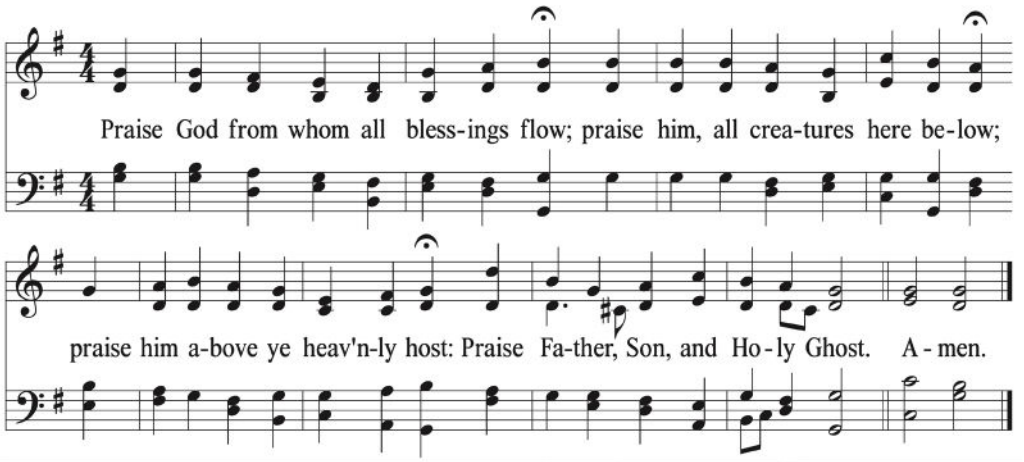
For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Confession of Faith—Westminster Confession of Faith 5.1 and 5.7

God the great Creator of all things does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

As the providence of God does, in general, reach to all creatures; so, after a most special manner, it takes care of his Church, and disposes all things to the good thereof.

Congregational Sung Response—Doxology



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

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—Arise, My Soul, Arise

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

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears; the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

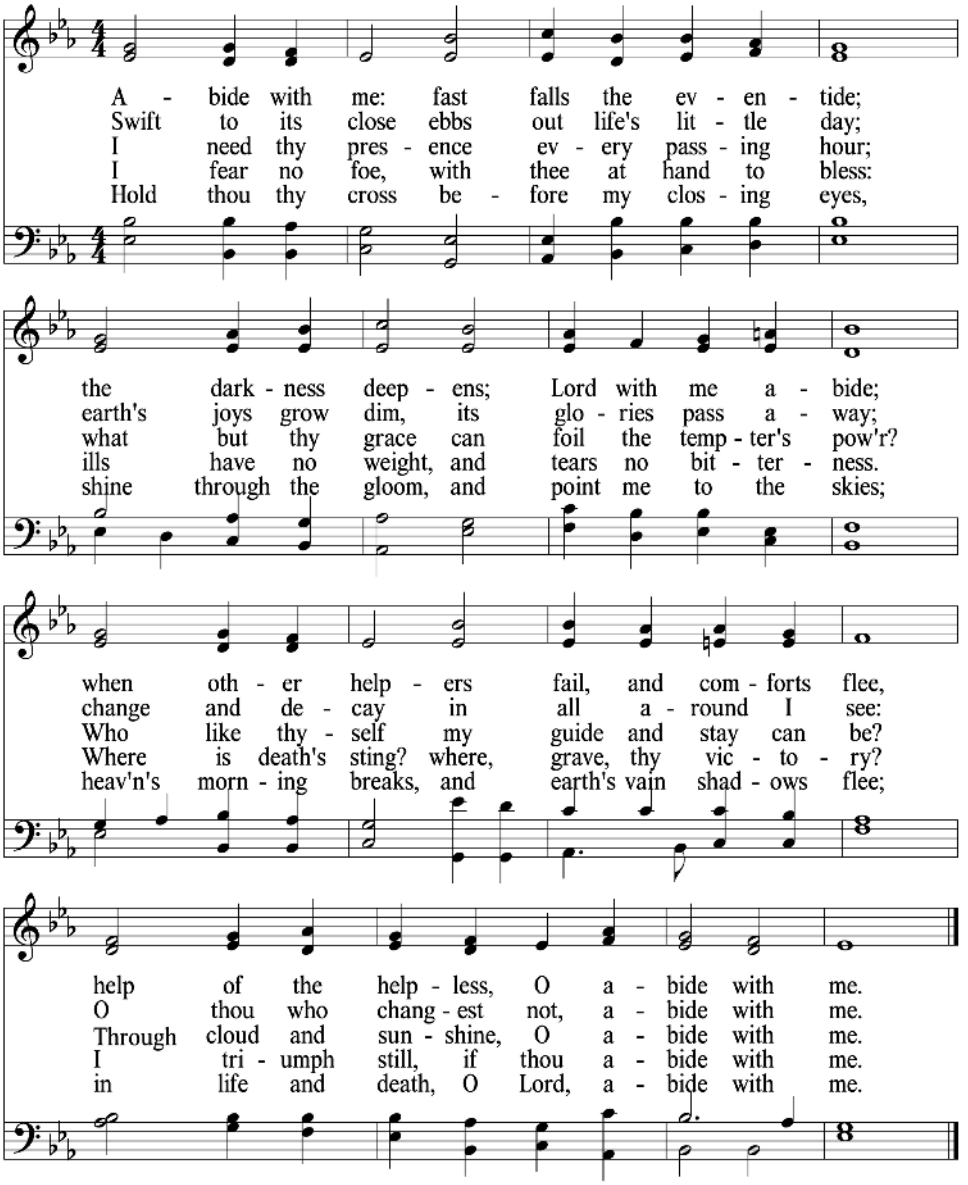
Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Dan Forrest

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 Hymn—Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide



Text: Augustus Toplady, 1776; TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1830
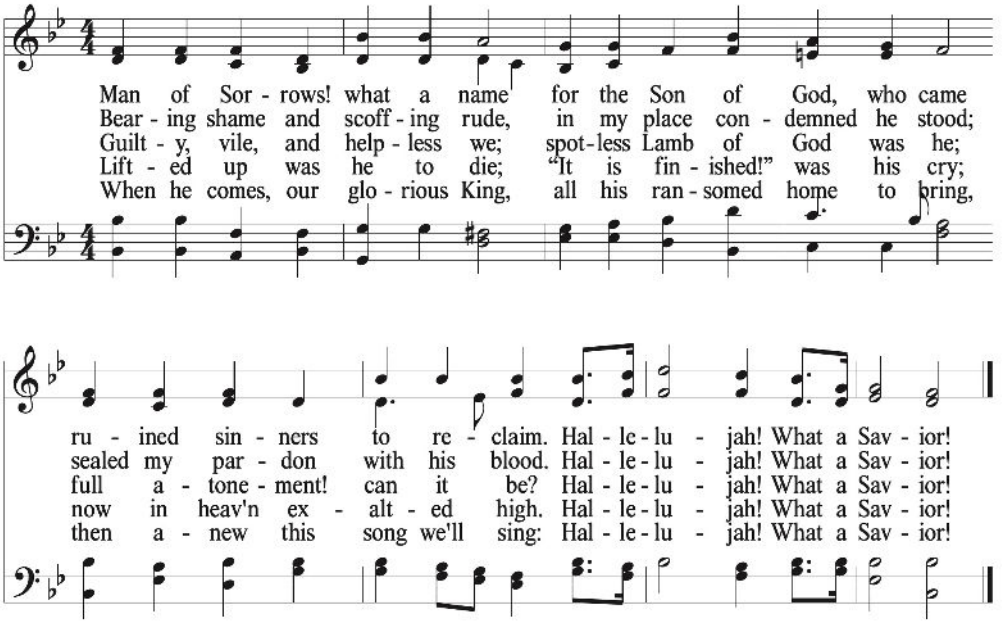
Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—2 Kings 4:1–7

HELP OF THE HELPLESS

Tom Groelsema

Congregational Hymn—Man of Sorrows! What a Name



Text: Philip P. Bliss, 1875; Music: HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!, Philip P. Bliss, 1875

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Tom Groelsema; Assisting Pastoral Intern: Coleson White; Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins; Ladies' Ensemble

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 PM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 96:1–6

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
ALL: Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works
among all the peoples! For great is the LORD,
and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
ALL: Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Congregational Hymn—#58 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Text: Ambrose of Milan; Music: WINCHESTER, *Musikalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690

Congregational Psalm—#54 Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise

Text: Psalm 113, Josiah Conder; Music: ALCESTER, arr. Samuel S. Wesley

Prayer of Adoration

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 116 T. H. p. 827–828

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Proverbs 6:16–19

There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.

New Testament Scripture Reading—John 5:30–36

I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.
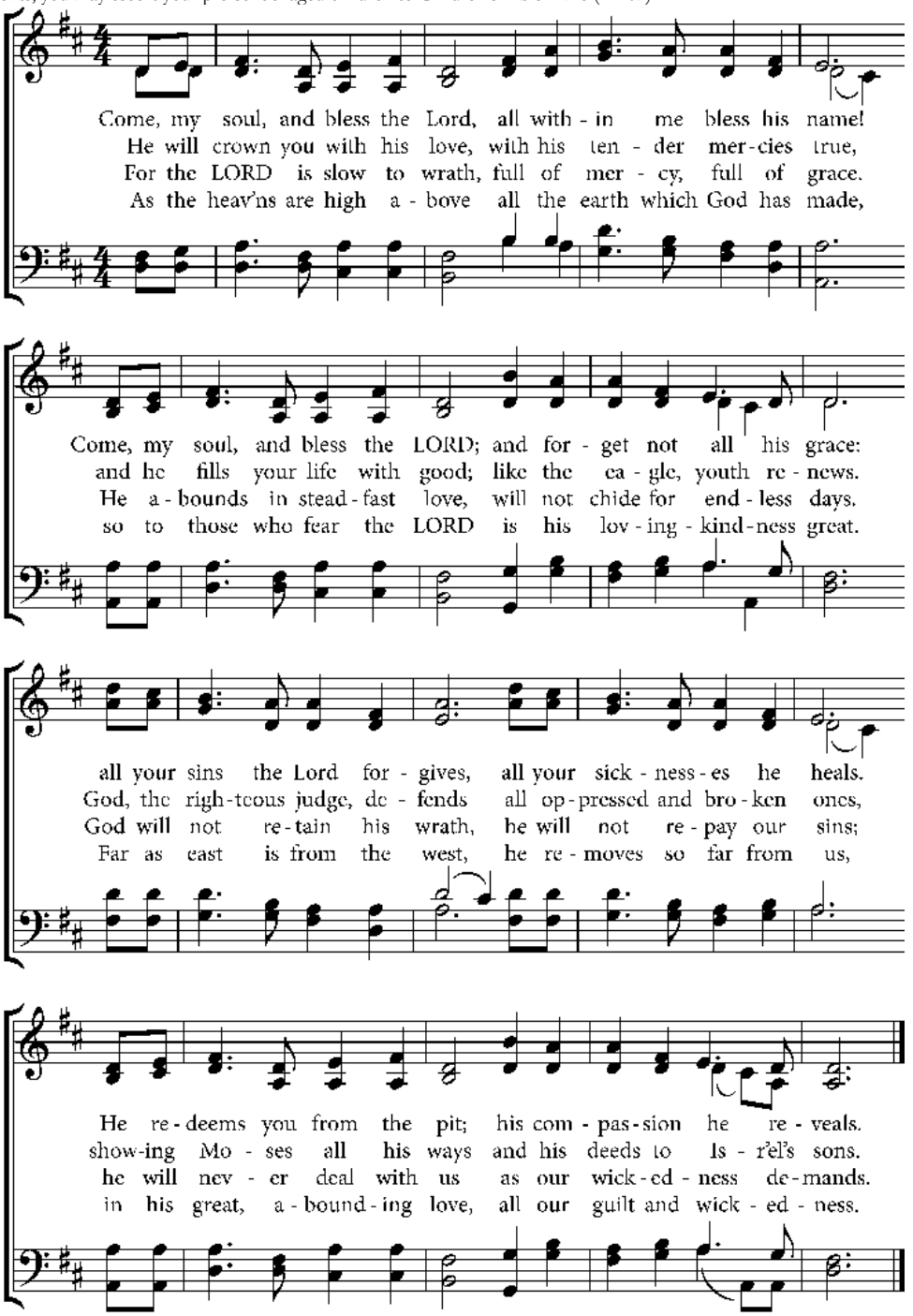
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ALL: Thanks be to God.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Psalm—Psalm 103

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Preaching of the Word—Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 43

HOW TO AVOID FALSE WITNESS:
GUARDING OUR NEIGHBOR'S NAME

Aaron Andrade

Congregational Hymn—#164 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: AZMON, Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829

Benediction

Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Aaron Andrade; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Clay Anderson;
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Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 43

112. What is God's will for you in the ninth commandment?

That I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone rashly or without a hearing.

Rather, I should avoid, under penalty of God's wrath, every kind of lying and deceit as the very works of the devil; and, in court and everywhere else, I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it.

And I should do what I can to defend and advance my neighbor's honor and reputation.

In humble reliance upon the word of God and prayer,
Christ Covenant Church is committed to worshiping 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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