CHRIST COVENANT
CHURCH

SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ DIGITAL EDITION

THE LORD'S DAY ~ November 1, 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

As we heard last week, the Lord provides. This week we are reminded that he provides through promises and, in particular, through his only Son. Jesus Christ is the bread of the world. He is the tree of life. He is the wine of heaven. "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." —Isaiah 55:1

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—John 6:32–33

Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

Introit—Bread of the World

Bread of the world in mercy broken. Wine of the soul in mercy shed.
By whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead.
Look on the heart of sorrows broken. Look on the tears of sinners shed.
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Text: Reginal Heber; Music: Gregory Wilbur

Call to Worship—Psalm 104:1, 14–15, 33–34, 35

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great!

ALL: You are clothed with splendor and majesty.

Leader: You cause the grass to grow for the livestock
and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food
from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man,
oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man’s heart.

ALL: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. ...Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

Congregational Psalm—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his Name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
his kingdom is forever.

Text: Based on Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529; Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529

Prayer of Adoration

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Genesis 9:12–17

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When

the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

New Testament Scripture Reading—Colossians 2:13–14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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—Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

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

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I now have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Text: attr. Richard Hutchins; Music: Elizabeth Poston

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Psalm—
All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forthtell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

Text: Psalm 100, William Kethe, 1561; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeouis's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Romans 4:9–12

SIGNS AND SEALS

Kevin DeYoung

Sursum Corda

Leader: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Invitation, Fencing of the Table, and the Words of Institution
Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Congregational Hymn—Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
this amazing banquet founded;
he, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
open wide the fast-closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one never;
dwell within my heart forever."

Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder
that the bread of life is boundless
though the souls it feeds are countless;
with the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding;
humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you, and, so favored never leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1649; Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1649

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 Song—Christ the True and Better

Christ the true and better Adam, Son of God and Son of man,
Who, when tempted in the garden, never yielded, never sinned;
He who makes the many righteous, brings us back to life again
Dying, he reversed the curse,
then rising, crushed the serpent's head.

Christ the true and better Isaac, humble son of sacrifice,
Who would climb the fearful mountain, there to offer up his life;
Laid with faith upon the altar, Father's joy and only son,
There salvation was provided, oh what full and boundless love.

[Refrain] Amen, amen, from beginning to end,
Christ the story, his the glory, alleluia, amen.

Christ the true and better Moses, called to lead a people home,
Standing bold to earthly powers, God's great glory to be known;
With his arms stretched wide to heaven, see the waters part in two,
See the veil is torn forever,
cleansed with blood we pass now through. [Refrain]

Christ the true and better David, lowly shepherd, mighty King,
He the champion in the battle, where, O death, is now thy sting?
In our place, he bled and conquered, crown him Lord of majesty,
His shall be the throne forever, we shall e'er his people be. [Refrain]

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Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Clay Anderson; Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianists: Ian Stewart and Ben Sincock; Youth Choir

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 PM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Call to Worship—Psalm 145:14–18, 21

Leader: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up
all who are bowed down.

ALL: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

Leader: You open your hand; you satisfy the desire
of every living thing.

**ALL: The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.**

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

**ALL: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

Congregational Hymn—#108 Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1675; Music: WAS GOTT TUT, attr. Severus Gastorius, *Weimar Gesangbuch*, 1681

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Psalm—Psalm 103

As a father shows his love unto all his children dear,
so the LORD displays his love to those trusting him in fear.
He remembers we are dust, and our feeble frame he knows.
As for man, his days are like tender grass that quickly grows.

So man flourishes and thrives like a growing meadow flow'r.
When the wind blows, it is gone, and its place is known no more.
But the steadfast love of God, shown to those who fear his name,
is from all eternity to eternity the same.

His unfailing righteousness shall to children's children be,
to the ones who cov'nant keep and his good commandments heed.

God the LORD has set his throne; in the heavens it shall stand,
and his sov'reign kingdom rules over all at his command.

Bless the LORD, you angel hosts, mighty ones who do his word,
who obey his voice and word; all his servants, bless the LORD!
All his hosts who do his will, all his works in all his world
bless the LORD in ev'ry place. Come, my soul, and bless the LORD!

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Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 119:33–40

Leader: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.
**ALL: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**
Leader: Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
**ALL: Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!**
Leader: Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.
**ALL: Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.**
Leader: Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good.
**ALL: Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness
give me life!**

New Testament Scripture Readings—Romans 7:7–12

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the

commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

1 Timothy 6:6–10
But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

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

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—
#496 Kind and Merciful God, We Have Sinned

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Text: Bryan Jeffery Leach, 1973; Music: ELFAKER, Traditional Swedish melody

Preaching of the Word—Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 44

COVETING AND FINDING CONTENTMENT

Derek Wells

Congregational Hymn—#600 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

Text: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862; Music: HE LEADETH ME, William B. Bradbury, 1864

Benediction

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Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 44

113. What is God's will for you in the tenth commandment?

That not even the slightest desire or thought contrary to any one of God's commandments should ever arise in our hearts.

Rather, with all our hearts, we should always hate the sin and delight in all righteousness.

114. But can those converted to God keep these commandments perfectly?

No. In this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience.

Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose, they do begin to live according to all, not only to some, of God's commandments.

115. Since no one in this life can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly, why does God want them preached so pointedly?

First, so that all our life long we may more and more come to know our sinful nature and thus more eagerly seek the forgiveness of sins and righteousness in Christ.

Second, so that we may never stop striving and never stop praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be renewed more and more after God's image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.

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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