

CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 1, 2026

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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

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



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



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

Prayer of Illumination

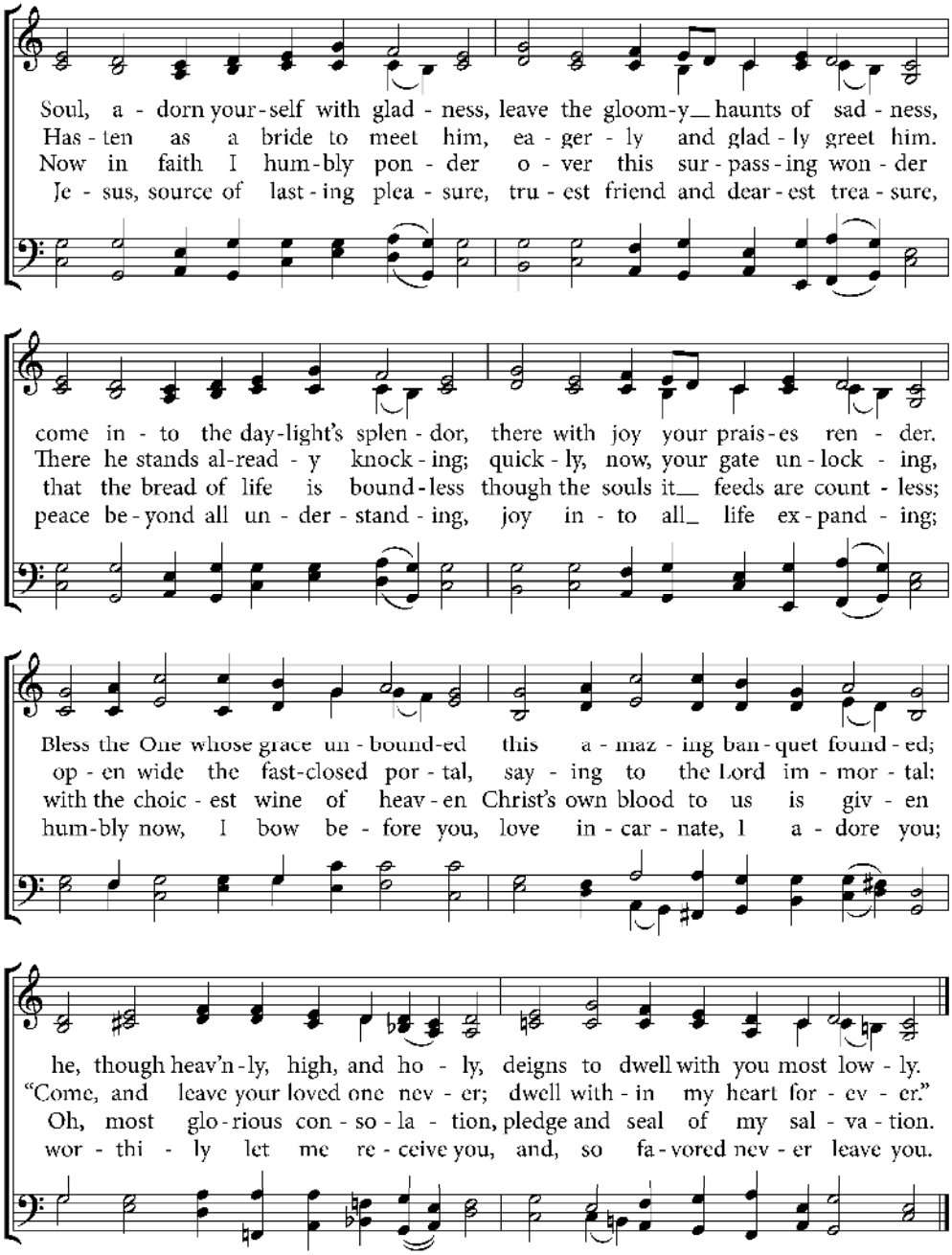
Preaching of the Word—Romans 4:9–12

SIGNS AND SEALS

Kevin DeYoung

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



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



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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—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.

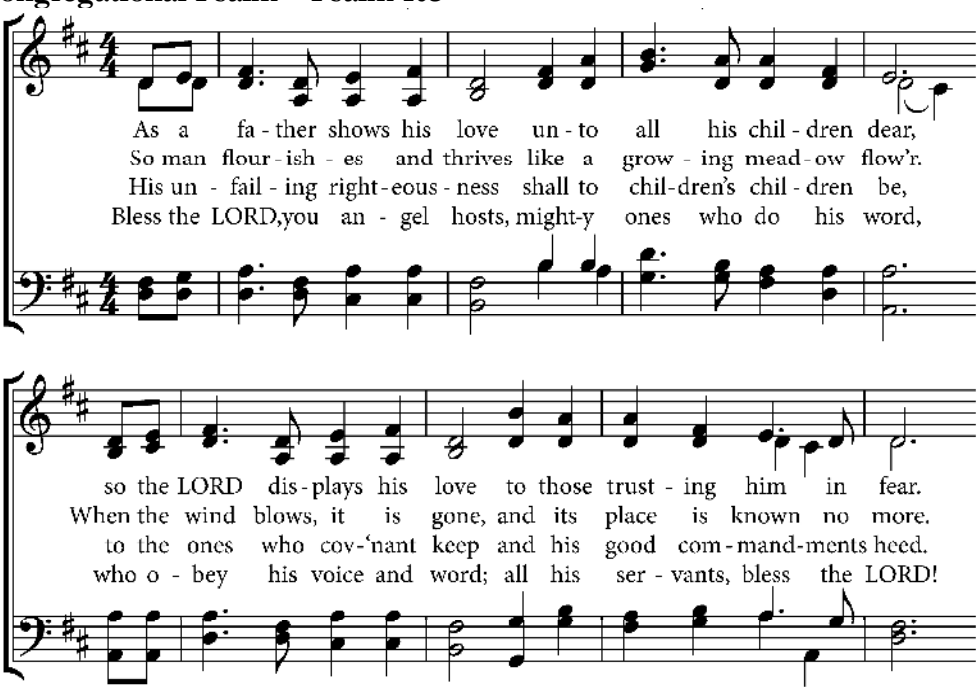
**ALL: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

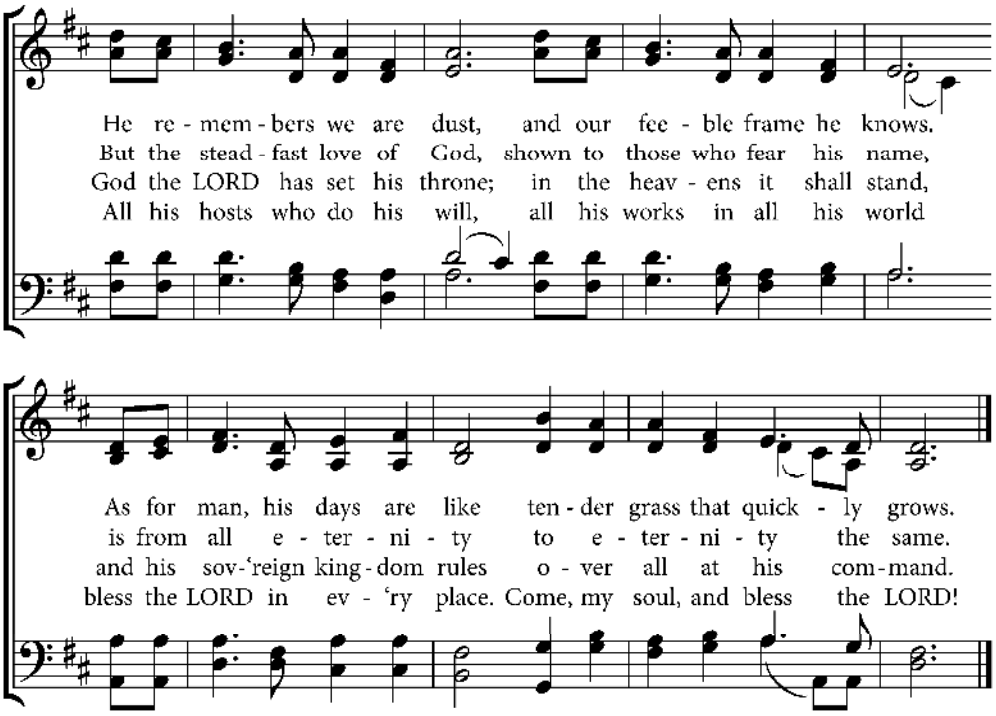
Congregational Hymn—#108 Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

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

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Psalm—Psalm 103





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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 and 1 Timothy 6:6–10

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.

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

Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Derek Wells; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Dave Baxter;
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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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