The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Trinity Sunday May 27, 2018

"It is a common proverb, that too much familiarity breeds contempt." —St. Augustine

"In light of all that Jesus has said and done, you would think that the people of Israel would realize that Jesus is the promised Messiah and the Son of God. You would think that those who heard Jesus preach and who witnessed his miraculous power would repent of their sins and trust in him just as Jesus has commanded them to do. Sadly, they do not. Now it is Jesus who marvels—at the depth of the unbelief on the part of the people in his own hometown."

—Kim Riddlebarger

He left there and returned to his hometown. His disciples came along. On the Sabbath, he gave a lecture in the meeting place. He made a real hit, impressing everyone. "We had no idea he was this good!" they said. "How did he get so wise all of a sudden, get such ability?" ³But in the next breath they were cutting him down: "He's just a carpenter—Mary's boy. We've known him since he was a kid. We know his brothers, James, Justus, Jude, and Simon, and his sisters. Who does he think he is?" They tripped over what little they knew about him and fell, sprawling. And they never got any further. ⁴⁻⁶Jesus told them, "A prophet has little honor in his hometown, among his relatives, on the streets he played in as a child." Jesus wasn't able to do much of anything there—he laid hands on a few sick people and healed them, that's all. He couldn't get over their stubbornness. He left and made a circuit of the other villages, teaching.

—Mark 6:1-6 from The Message

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Crawford

(Congregational responses are *italicized*.)

Psalm 29:1-4

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

M HYMN OF PRAISE

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, allelu...
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: St. Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225; tr. by William H. Draper, 1926. Music: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God,
the earth is full of the glory of your love.
May we your children, born of the Spirit,
so bear witness to your Son Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
that all the world may believe and have eternal life
through the One who saves,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Ginger Nix

Isaiah 42:18-25

Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious. ²²But this is a people plundered and looted; they are all of them trapped in holes and hidden in prisons; they have become plunder with none to rescue, spoil with none to say, "Restore!" ²³Who among you will give ear to this, will attend and listen for the time to come? ²⁴Who gave up Jacob to the looter, and Israel to the plunderers? Was it not the Lord, against whom we have sinned, in whose ways they would not walk, and whose law they would not obey? ²⁵So he poured on him the heat of his anger and the might of battle; it set him on fire all around, but he did not understand; it burned him up, but he did not take it to heart.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN OF REDEMPTION

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease, 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb; Your loosened tongues employ. Ye blind, behold your Savior come, And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread thro' all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

He speaks, and list'ning to His voice, New life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, The humble poor believe.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Carl G. Glazer, 1828; arr. Jeff Koonce, 2012.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"It is Finished—Part II (Hark, the Voice of Love and Mercy)" Congregational Hymn

Hark, the voice of love and mercy Sounds aloud from Calvary; See, it rends the rocks asunder, Shakes the earth, and veils the sky: "It is finished! It is finished!" Hear the dying Savior cry; "It is finished! It is finished!" Hear the dying Savior cry.

"It is finished!" O what pleasure Do these charming words afford; Heavenly blessings, without measure, Flow to us from Christ the Lord: "It is finished! It is finished!" Saints, the dying words record; "It is finished! It is finished!" Saints, the dying words record.

Finished all the types and shadows Of the ceremonial law; Finished all that God had promised; Death and hell no more shall awe: "It is finished! It is finished!" Saints, from hence your comfort draw; "It is finished! It is finished!" Saints, from hence your comfort draw.

Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs, Join to sing the pleasing theme; Saints on earth, and all in heaven, Join to praise Emmanuel's name:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to the bleeding Lamb! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to the bleeding Lamb! (Twice)

Words: attributed to Jonathan Evans, 1784, and Benjamin Francis, 1787. Music: Jeff Koonce, 2005.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Edwards

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 18.

Children are dismissed at this time.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

John Wood

GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Pastor Tates Creek Presbyterian Church (Lexington, KY)

Robert was born and raised in Lexington, and received his Bachelor's in Communications from Murray State University. While attending Covenant Theological Seminary, Robert met and married his wife Abby. After graduating with a Masters in Divinity, he was called back to Lexington to serve as the Director of Student Ministries of TCPC. Robert was ordained as a PCA minister in 2008, called as an associate pastor in 2011, and then called as the senior pastor of TCPC in January 2012. Robert and Abby have four sons—Holt, Charlie, Owen, and Henry.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Mark 6:1-6

He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

MESSAGE

"THE DANGER OF A DOMESTICATED JESUS" Robert Cunningham			

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All who are united in Christ Jesus by faith and are baptized, communing members of His visible Church are invited to come to the Lord's Table. If you are not communing but would like to participate, come forward and fold your hands, and you will receive a prayer of blessing from the server.

The congregation will read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life; to the glory of your name. Amen.

—Book of Common Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

—Romans 5:1-2

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you forgiveness of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Words: 2nd century. Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851.

Words of Institution

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table, but you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to commemorate in this breaking of bread the death of your dear son Jesus Christ, that we may feed on him in our hearts by faith, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast and united in ministry with your people in every place.

This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

If you desire gluten free bread, please walk down the center aisle, either upstairs or down, and the server will provide it accordingly.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Congregation, please sing the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Melt me! Mold me!
Fill me! Use me!
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.
(Twice)

Words and Music: Daniel Iverson, 1926.

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.
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Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: John B. Bykes (1823-1876).

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Father, free us from all fear and worry that, trusting in your goodness, we may always praise your mighty deeds and give you thanks for all of your gifts, especially the gift of your Son.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MODE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, While unending ages run.

Words and Music: Latin, 7th century, tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851.



MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Children's Worship Information. Following the Sunday morning worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

3K - C224 (available for the entire worship hour)

4K • C221 (available for the entire worship hour)

Kindergarten - C221 (dismissed during Passing of the Peace)

1st through 3rd Grades - C316 (dismissed during Passing of the Peace)

Summer Sessions. We are offering two Sunday School options this summer for all adults! For four Sundays—June 10, 17, 24, and July 1—you can hear Dr. Mark Gignilliat in the Sanctuary or Melody and Traylor Lovvorn in the Fellowship Hall. Mark will be teaching from Psalms or "the little seminary of the Bible." The Lovvorns will be teaching "My Secure Family," helping parents understand the current technological terrain so that they can step in and shepherd their child's heart effectively. Please join us this summer for one of these classes!

Women's Summer Salad Suppers. Ladies, we are once again coming together in homes on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 to hear the stories of our Covenant sisters. This is a wonderful time of food and fellowship and a great way to get to know each other. Dinner will be available and no reservations are required! You can find all the dates and details at covpres.com/summersaladsuppers.

Moms' Summer Studies. We have three opportunities this summer for moms of all ages to connect, refresh, and be encouraged in motherhood by gathering with other women and spending time in the Word:

Monday, June 11 | 9:00-10:30 a.m. (Dining Room; nursery provided)

Monday, July 16 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Dining Room)

Saturday, August 11* | 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Moms and their *preschool children join us for play and fellowship on the preschool hall. Kids bring their second favorite stuffed animal to "spend the night" at the church and pick up their animal at church on Sunday morning. Questions? Contact Katie Flores at kflores@covpres.com.

RA Camp at Covenant. Restoration Academy is coming to Covenant for camp June 25-29 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. each day. Volunteer to help with CFAP and BFAP projects and hang out with the 1st-8th graders from RA. Kids are welcome to serve with you! Sign up to serve at covpres.com/childrens-ministry.

Men's Chorus. Men, join our men's chorus on Sunday, June 17! All men are invited to sing that morning, and we will rehearse in the Sanctuary at 8:15 a.m. Please email Rick Barnes at rbarnes@covpres.com if you plan to sing.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: May 27 - June 2, 2018

SUNDAY, May 27

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons) 9:00 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | 3 years through 3rd grade
10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages (see page 20)

MONDAY, May 28 Church Office closed for Memorial Day

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

10:30 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE | E300 *College students*

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

CORNERSTONE | S104 30s and 40s

CROSSPOINTE | S100 20s and 30s

FOUNDATIONS | E304 30s and 40s

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 30s and 40s

LIVING STONES | E303 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 40s, 50s, and 60s

OPEN DOORS | S105 *70s and above*

UPPER ROOM | S101 60s and 70s

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and newly married;

20s and 30s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

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Ben Walker Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard
Clay Wheeler Steve Stigler

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2018 2019 2020

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Nathan Collums Gary Gorham Paul Darden
John Harrelson Keith Harrelson Jay Evans
Randall Lancaster Jeff Hayes Bryan Flores
Matt Searson Steve Killgore John Gant

Patrick Strong Steve Pfitzer John David Gray

Darrell Tucker Brent Powell Marty Martin

John Shank
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Billy Tapscott
Danny Smith

Robert Stephens Clark Worrell

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BIBLE READING PLAN

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers, and hymns. The scripture readings are from Ligonier Ministries and are designed around a one-year cycle that will allow you to read through the New Testament or the entire Bible in 2018.

MAY READING PLAN

	1 CHRONICLES	JOHN
26/27	□ 17-20	□ 10
28	□ 21-23	□ 11:1-27
29	□ 24-26	□ 11:28-44
30	□ 27-29	□ 11:45-57

JUNE READING PLAN				
	2 CHRONICLES			
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22	□ 4-6	□ 5:17-42		
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26	□ 7-9	□ 7:35-8:3		
27	□ 10-12	□ 8:4-25		
28	□ 13-15	□ 8:26-40		
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