

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity
July 8, 2018

Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Let this be thy whole endeavor, this thy prayer, this thy desire,—that thou mayest be stripped of all selfishness, and with entire simplicity follow Jesus only."

—Thomas à Kempis

"Jesus tapped me on the shoulder and said,
Bob, why are you resisting me?
I said, I'm not resisting you!
He said, You gonna follow me?
I said, I've never thought about that before!
He said, When you're not following me, you're resisting me."

—Bob Dylan

"Until you have given up your self to Him you will not have a real self..."

—C.S. Lewis

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

—Jesus of Nazareth

READING FROM THE PSALMS & CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Edwards

(Congregational responses are *italicized*.)

Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,*

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

*who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed
like the eagle's.*

Let us bless the God who blesses us

We shall bless His holy Name.

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Chorus:

Bless the, Lord, O, my soul,

O, my soul,

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before,

O, my soul,

I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come,

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

(Chorus)

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God, **the Fount of every blessing, (Sandy rewriting?)**
please come in Your power and grace
to fill us with Your Spirit,
to reveal to us Your glory,
to heal us of our brokenness,
to lead us into Your praise,
and to conform us into the likeness of Your dear Son Jesus Christ,
in Whose wondrous Name we pray.

Amen.

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Melanie Spooner

Acts 3:1-10

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. ³Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. ⁴And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹And all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF CHRIST'S LOVE

“Jesus What a Friend for Sinners”

Jesus, what a friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior makes me whole.

Chorus:

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus, what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.
(Chorus)

Jesus, what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul.
(Chorus, twice)

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910. Music: *HYFRYDOL*; Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Mark 3:13-19

And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. ¹⁴And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵and have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); ¹⁷James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF DISCIPLESHIP & GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

“O Church Arise”

Congregational Song

O church, arise, and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies.
An army bold, whose battle cry is love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side,
We know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died:
An inheritance of nations.

Chorus:

Arise, shine for your light has come

Arise, shine for the Risen Son

Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride

Arise, o church arise!

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Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride;
Give grace for every hurdle.
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old, still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory.

(Chorus)

Words and Music: Getty, 2016.

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

Brent Latta

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 20.

Children are dismissed at this time.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Russell Martin

☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Psalm 25”

Andante



Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,

5



make Thy way plain be-fore_____ my face.

9



— Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,

13



make Thy way plain be-fore_____ my face.---

Words: Psalm 25. Music: Luke Brawner.

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

*Lord Jesus Christ,
Who has sovereignty called us to be Your people,
to enter into close fellowship with You and with one another,
and to carry out Your mission here and abroad,
and Who has promised never to leave, forsake, or forget us,
we acknowledge with sorrow that we have at times abandoned our high calling:
we have failed to fulfill our mission,
have sought our joy doing other things,
and have fallen short of all Your holy commandments.
Forgive us, dear Lord,
and renew our hearts that we may eagerly follow You
and bring glory to Your great Name,
for we offer our prayer, Lord Jesus, in Your saving Name. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

—Luke 23:33-34a

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.*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Music: Old 100th; *Genevan Psalter*, 1551 Edition;
attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561.

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.

“Hide Away in the Love of Jesus”

Come, weary saints, though tired and weak,
Hide away in the love of Jesus;
Your strength will return by His quiet streams,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Come wandering souls and find your home,
Hide away in the love of Jesus;
He offers the rest that you yearn to know,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Chorus:

*Hear Him calling your name,
See the depths of His love in
The wounds of His grace;
Hide away.*

Come guilty ones weighed down with sin,
Hide away in the love of Jesus;
The freedom you long for is found in Him,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Come hopeless hearts, do not despair,
Hide away in the love of Jesus;
For ten thousand joys await you there,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

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“And Can It Be”

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above
(So free, so infinite His grace!)
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me!
(*Refrain*)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
(*Refrain*)

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
(*Refrain*)

Words: Charles Wesley, 1738. Music: Thomas Campbell (1777-1844).

☒ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give You thanks, O God, for the gifts of bread and wine,
through which we participate in the death
and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

We give You thanks for the promise of Your dear presence
in all our moments.

We give You thanks for the sure and certain hope
of the glorious return of Jesus Christ
and for the glory that awaits all Your disciples.

Be praised forevermore, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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☒ BENEDICTION

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:

Rising 4K & Kindergarten - C221 (available for the entire worship hour)

Rising 1st-4th Grades - C316 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

Summer Choir & Women's Chorus. Our next Summer Choir rehearsal is Wednesday from 6:00-7:15 p.m. in S103 (sing July 15). Dinner is served at 5:30, and you can reserve nursery care by emailing nursery@covpres.com. And ladies, on July 29 it's your turn to fill the choir loft! All ages are invited to sing, and we will rehearse in the Sanctuary at 8:15 a.m.

Congregational Meeting. All communing members of Covenant, please join us July 15 for a congregational meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to hear an update from our Strategic Vision Committee regarding our ongoing reconciliation process.

Mom's Summer Study. We have several summer opportunities for moms of all ages to connect, refresh, and be encouraged in motherhood by gathering with other women and spending time in the Word. Our next study is July 16 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.. in the Dining Room. (Nursery will be provided.) Questions? Contact Katie Flores at kflores@covpres.com.

Membership App. Members, have you uploaded a profile picture to our membership app? We've gotten a lot of positive feedback on how easy the app is to use, but we're not maximizing it's fullest potential unless everyone uploads a photo so we can put faces with names! If you need a refresher on downloading the app, please see your class elders.

New Hampshire Mission Trip. For eight years Covenant has taken teams to serve in New England. July 23-27 we are sending 16 people to serve alongside a PCA church in Manchester, NH. Will you consider contributing to the cost of the trip? You may contact Dan Edwards (dedwards@covpres.com) to donate, or mark a check for New England Mission and forward it to Meg Cotney in the office. Also, please pray for our team: the Flores family; the Stone family; Nancy and Jim Wall; Burney Johnson; Phyllis Hamm; Meg Cotney; and Leslie and Dan Edwards.

New Members' Class. Our next new members' class is August 17-19. We meet Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Sunday during Sunday School, and lunch on Sunday from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Childcare is provided for each session. You will be taken through all of the new member information and will have ample opportunities to ask questions and discuss beliefs. If you would like to attend, please contact Victoria Williams at vwilliams@covpres.com.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: July 8-14, 2018

SUNDAY, July 8

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)
- 9:00 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)
Children's Worship | rising 4K through rising 4th grade
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Communities for all ages and stages
(see page 21 for details)
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sr. High Grow & Go (Youth Rooms)

MONDAY, July 9

- 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose*
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. College Ministry: Monday Dinner
(3416 Water Oak Drive)

TUESDAY, July 10

- 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose*
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry: Summer Salad Supper
Misty Powell sharing at the home of Taylor Brown
(750 Bentley Drive 35213)

WEDNESDAY, July 11

- 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose*
- 5:30-7:15 p.m. Summer Choir
Dinner at 5:30; Rehearsal at 6:00
(S103)

THURSDAY, July 12

- 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose*

FRIDAY, July 13

- 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose*

*pre-registration required

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, July 9-15).

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

10:30 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE E300	<i>College students</i>
COMMUNITY E305	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
CORNERSTONE S104	<i>30s and 40s</i>
CROSSPOINTE AND THRESHOLD S100	<i>20s and 30s (Crosspointe); Singles and newly married; 20s and 30s (Threshold)</i>
FOUNDATIONS E304	<i>30s and 40s</i>
LIGHTHOUSE E301	<i>30s and 40s</i>
LIVING STONES E303	<i>40s and 50s</i>
KINGDOM BUILDERS E201	<i>40s, 50s, and 60s</i>
OPEN DOORS S105	<i>70s and above</i>
UPPER ROOM S101	<i>50s, 60s, and 70s</i>
YOUTH YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i>

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RULING ELDERS

2018

AC Frese

Eric Getty

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Daniel Murray

Warren Norville

Jason Peevy

Ben Walker

Clay Wheeler

Charles White

2019

Ty Dedmon

Jeff Dyess

Rick Flynn

Heath Henderson

Tom McKnight

John Smith T

Richard Thompson

2020

Bill Bennett

Will Brooke

Michael Latta

Charlie Logan

Paul Loyless

Bob Schaffeld

Lee Sheppard

Steve Stigler

Mark Taylor

John Wood

DEACONS

2018

Brandon Bishop

Nathan Collums

John Harrelson

Randall Lancaster

Matt Searson

Patrick Strong

Darrell Tucker

2019

Jim Bennett

Gary Gorham

Keith Harrelson

Jeff Hayes

Steve Killgore

Steve Pfitzer

Brent Powell

John Shank

Todd Sitton

William Slappey

Billy Tapscott

2020

Tripp Alexander

Paul Darden

Jay Evans

Bryan Flores

John Gant

John David Gray

Marty Martin

Bud Miller

Tyler O'Connor

John Shults

Danny Smith

Robert Stephens

Clark Worrell

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul Darden

Jeff Dyess

Dave Driskill (*Pastoral Liaison*)

Will Gurner

John Hamilton

Keith Harrelson

Randall Lancaster

Michael Latta

Kate McKnight

Mary T Miller

Nancy Pless

Clyde Prather

Joe Strickland

Barbara Thompson

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.

JULY READING PLAN

	JOB	ACTS
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3	<input type="checkbox"/> 26-27	<input type="checkbox"/> 11
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