The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday April 1, 2018

He Who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the Ruler of all men; All things created on earth sing to the glory of God.

Rise from the grave now, O Lord, Who art Author of life and creation. Treading the pathway of death, life Thou bestowed on man.

Hail thee, festival day! Blest day that art hallowed forever; Day wherein Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.

—V.H. Fortunatus (530-609)

Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth her song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein:
Invisible and visible
Their notes let all things blend—
For Christ the Lord has risen—
Our joy that hath no end.

—John Damascene (780)

Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou
likewise
With him may'st rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more,
Just.

—George Herbert (1593-1633)

{ GATHERED WORSHIP: The Triune God Renews His People }

READING FROM THE GOSPELS AND CALL TO WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. Marty Crawford 10:00 a.m. Dan Edwards

(Congregational responses are italicized.)

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

³And they were saying to one another,

"Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them.

"Do not be alarmed.

You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.

He has risen: he is not here.

See the place where they laid him.

⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee.

There you will see him, just as he told you."



⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them,
and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.
Christ is Risen!
He is Risen, indeed!
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

EASTER HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Lyra Davidica, 1708.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God, Who through the death of Your Son has destroyed sin and death, and by His Resurrection has restored innocence and everlasting life, that we may be delivered from the dominion of the devil, and our mortal bodies raised up from the dead: Grant that we may confidently and whole-heartedly believe this, and, finally, with Your saints, share in the joyful resurrection of the just; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

-Martin Luther (1483-1546)

READING FROM THE PSALMS

8:00 a.m. Justin Richardson 10:00 a.m. Dawson Cooper

(Congregational responses are italicized.)

Psalm 2

- ¹Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
- ²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
- ³"Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."
- ⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.
- ⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ⁶"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."
- ⁷I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
- ⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
- ⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- $^{\scriptscriptstyle 10}$ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- $^{\rm n}\text{Serve}$ the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- ¹²Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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

M HYMN OF HIS MAJESTY

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run, His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, And praises throng to crown His head. His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song, And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns: The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains, The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King, Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen!

Words: based on Psalm 72, Isaac Watts, 1719. Music: John Hatton, 1793.

READING FROM THE APOCALYPSE

(Congregational responses are *italicized*.)

Revelation 5:1-14

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, on you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

"Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

12 saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

HYMN OF EXALTATION

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthems drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave, And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save; His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high, Who died, eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified;
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity.

Words: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874 (Revelation 19:12).

Music: George J. Elvey, 1868.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"To the Lamb on the Throne" Chancel Choir and Orchestra

"Worthy the Lamb."

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, And publish abroad His wonderful name, The name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all. "Worthy the Lamb."

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
"Worthy the Lamb."

God rules in the height, almighty to save; Though hid from our sight, His presence we have, The great congregation His triumph shall sing, Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King. "Worthy the Lamb."

Then let us adore, and give Him His right, All glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might; All honor and blessing with angels above, And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love. "Worthy the Lamb!"

Words: "Ye Servants of God," Charles Wesley, 1744. Music: Dan Forrest, 2015.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:00 a.m. Molly Stone 10:00 a.m. Hollye Stigler

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad.

You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 22.

Children are dismissed at this time.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

8:00 a.m. Richard Thompson 10:00 a.m. Bob Schaffeld

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

4 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

MESSAGE

"TO BE LIKE HIS GLORIOUS BODY"
Sandy Willson
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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

Dear Heavenly Father,

Who did send Your One and Only Son to die for us on Calvary's Cross, and did gloriously raise Him from the dead for our justification, and Who promises that one day You will transform us into His likeness, we confess with grieving hearts that we have failed to love and serve You as we ought:

we have failed to believe Your gospel, to trust Your promises, and to obey Your precepts;

wherefore we have no right to Your love and favor; but You, O Lord, are gracious and forgiving, and have provided full atonement for us in Christ Jesus; therefore we praise You with all our hearts and pray that You strengthen us anew to glorify You always, in word and in deed, for the everlasting glory of Your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

—2 Corinthians 5:21

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.

Apostles' 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.

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Go to dark Gethsemane You who feel the tempter's pow'r; Your Redeemer's conflict see; Watch with Him one bitter hour; Turn not from His griefs away; Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned; O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained! Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn of Him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb
There adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished!" Hear the cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom;
Who hath taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes:
Savior, teach us so to rise.

Words: James Montgomery, 1771-1854. Music: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901.

"Hallelujah, What a Savior"

Man of Sorrows, what a name For the Son of God, who came Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood, Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; Spotless Lamb of God was He, Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die;
"It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, All his ransomed home to bring, Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Words and Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1875, alt.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For the Resurrection of Jesus Christ,

We thank You, Lord.

For the promise that You will one Day transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body,

We thank You, Lord.

For the joy and peace afforded us now in the resurrected life,

We thank You, Lord.

For the unending reign of our Lord Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords,

We thank You and adore You and ever sing Your praise, through Jesus Christ, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.



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)

Come to the Table. Ladies, "Come to the Table" is just around the corner on April 24. We will have an opportunity to give to several of our missions partners, worship in song with some of our own talented ladies, hear from a panel of our members serving with local missions, and gather in homes for dinner and fellowship in smaller groups. Invitations will be mailed this week and are also available in the Sanctuary Foyer and Commons.

Artist Meet & Greet: Christina Johnson. The artwork now hanging in our Commons Area was created by Christina Johnson, and you are invited to meet her and hear about her creative process on April 11 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Commons. Christina is a local, self-taught artist who uses her empathy for the world to connect on a deep level with those that cross her path. Her work is Spirit lead, as her quiet time with the Lord is a key part of her creative process. Come hear from Christina about how she is committed to using her gift to glorify the Lord and to share his unconditional love with others.

VBS Beach Bash 2018. Please make plans to serve with us during our Beach Bash at VBS June 18-21 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon! Rising 4k-4th grades will follow Jesus along the sea of Galilee. The sun will be out and the surf will be up as we learn that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life! Volunteer and register children at covpres.com/childrens-ministry.

CDS Summer Programs. Registration is open for our Covenant Day School Summer Programs. Rising 3k-1st graders are invited to join us for Summer Fun. The program is two days (\$25/day) a week for four weeks in July. Rising Kindergartners can also register for our Kindergarten Camps. There are two different options, one week in June and one in July (\$150/week). For all of the details and registration forms, visit covenantdayschool.org.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: April 1 - 7, 2018

SUNDAY, April 1

8:00 & Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m. Children's Worship | 3 years through 3rd grade

MONDAY, April 2

8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Ingram Llnk's office)

TUESDAY, April 3

9:15 a.m. Women's Study: Hope & Help for Mothers (E303)
10:00 a.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)
11:30 a.m. Women's Study: The Book of Romans (Dlning Room)

FINANCIAL UPDATE through February 28, 2018

GENERAL FUND GIVING (135 Commitments totaling \$1,922,262)

<u>Budget</u> <u>Receipts</u> <u>Expenses</u> \$584,647 \$449,227 \$550,975

2018 Operating Surplus/(Deficit): (\$101,748)

2018 Operating Reserve: \$480,251

2018 Line of Credit: \$0

FAITH PROMISE GIVING (76 commitments totaling \$199,045)

<u>Budget</u> <u>Funds Received</u> <u>Funds Disbursed</u>

\$29,400 \$31,950 \$29,400

FAITH PROMISE RESERVE: \$122,206

Pledges (252 commitments):

MISSION DISBURSEMENT FROM GENERAL FUND: \$29,400

If you have questions regarding the budget, please contact Marty Crawford in the church office or members of the Joint Finance Committee:

Ty Dedmon Lee Sheppard
Gary Gorham Todd Sitton
Merrill Johnston Darrell Tucker
Mark Miller John Wood

The Campaign for Covenant

FAITHFUL over a LITTLE

\$3,506,682

Receipts: \$2,975,702 Funds from sale of building: \$1,987,385 Total funds provided: \$4,963,087 Funds used for debt: (\$1,983,644) Funds available: \$2,979,443 Costs to date: (\$2,669,490) Net funds available: \$309,953

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2018 2019 2020

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Clay Wheeler Steve Stigler

Charles White Mark Taylor

John Wood

DEACONS

2018 2019 2020

Brandon Bishop Jim Bennett Tripp Alexander
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 Bud Miller
Todd Sitton Tyler O'Connor
William Slappey John Shults
Billy Tapscott Danny Smith

Robert Stephens

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.

APRIL READING PLAN

2 3 4 5 6 7/8	JUDGES 0 8-10 0 11-12 0 13-14 0 15-17 0 18-19 0 20-RUTH 4	LUKE 0 8:40-56 0 9:1-27 0 9:28-62 0 10:1-24 10:25-42 11:1-12:3
	1 SAMUEL	-10.4.74
9	□ 1-2	□ 12:4-34
10	□ 3-6 = 3.0	□ 12:35-59
11	□ 7-9 = 10, 13	□ 13:1-21 □ 17:22, 75
12	□ 10-12	□ 13:22-35 □ 14:1-24
13	□ 13-14 □ 15-10	□ 14:1-24 □ 14:25, 15:10
14/15 16	□ 15-19	□ 14:25-15:10
17	□ 20-21 □ 22-23	□ 15:11–32 □ 16:1–13
18	□ 22-23 □ 24-26	□ 16:14-31
19	□ 27-29	□ 10.14-31 □ 17:1-19
20	□ 30-31	□ 17:19 □ 17:20-37
	2 SAMUEL	
21/22	□ 1–5	□ 18:1–19:10
23	□ 6-8	□ 19:11-27
24	□ 9–11	□ 19:28-48
25	□ 12-14	□ 20:1-26
26	□ 15–16	□ 20:27-47
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28/29	□ 19-23	□ 21:20-22:23
30	□ 24–1 Kings 1	□ 22:24–38