



The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017

Yesterday the Lamb was slain and the door-posts were anointed, and Egypt bewailed her Firstborn, and the Destroyer passed us over, and the Seal was dreadful and reverend, and we were walled in with the Precious Blood. Today we have clean escaped from Egypt and from Pharaoh, and there is none to hinder us from keeping a Feast to the Lord our God...Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him. Yesterday I died with Him; today I am quickened with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him; today I rise with Him.

—Gregory of Nazianzus, "Oration I"

OPENING 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: *He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: *For His steadfast love endures forever!*

Pastor: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

People: *This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.*

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: *He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

from Psalm 118

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, which through Your only begotten son Jesus Christ has overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by the life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

SECOND HYMN

“Jesus Lives, and So Shall I”

Jesus lives, and so shall I.
Death! Thy sting is gone forever!
He who deigned for me to die,
Lives, the bands of death to sever.
He shall raise me from the dust:
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and reigns supreme,
And, His kingdom still remaining,
I shall also be with Him,
Ever living, ever reigning.
God has promised: be it must,
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives! I know full well
Naught from Him my heart can sever,
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell,
Joy nor grief, hence forth forever.
None of all His saints is lost;
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and death is now
But my entrance into glory.
Courage, then, my soul, for Thou.
Hast a crown of life before Thee;
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just;
Jesus is our hope and trust.

Words: Christian F. Gellert, 1757; tr. by J.D. Lang, 1826. Music: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, ca. 1774.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, declares the Lord, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.

²Thus says the Lord:

“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines
and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when watchmen will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God.’”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: How can we who died to son still live in it?

Do you now know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Romans 6:2b-3

ALL: *Almighty and most merciful Father;
We have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent;
According to your promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of your holy Name. Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: We were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4

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

ALL: *Amen.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Words: Edward Perronet, 1779; alt / John Rippon, 1787. Music: Oliver Holden, 1793.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Anthem”

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
Cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
Sing to Him who found the ransom,
Ancient of eternal days,
God of God, the Word incarnate,
Whom the heav'n of heav'n obeys.

There, for us and our redemption,
See Him all His life-blood pour!
There He wins our full salvation,
Dies that we may die no more;
Then, arising, lives forever,
Reigning where He was before.

High on yon celestial mountains
Stands His gem-built throne, all bright,
Midst unending alleluias
Bursting from the sons of light;
Zion's people tell His praise,
Victor after hard-won fight.

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run.

Words: Job Hupton, 1805 and John Mason Neale, 1863. Music: Howard Helvey, 2013.

FINANCIAL UPDATE *through* April 7, 2017

GENERAL FUND GIVING (180 commitments totaling \$2,299,030)

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
\$928,468	\$702,291	\$887,595

2017 Operating Surplus/(Deficit): (\$185,304)

2017 Operating Reserve: \$149,427

2017 Line of Credit: \$0

FAITH PROMISE GIVING (66 commitments totaling \$176,860)

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Funds Received</u>	<u>Funds Disbursed</u>
\$45,081	\$67,964	\$45,081

FAITH PROMISE RESERVE: \$77,063

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

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FAITHFUL over a LITTLE

Pledges (252 commitments):

\$3,506,682

Receipts:	\$2,634,224
Funds from sale of building:	<u>\$1,987,385</u>
Total funds provided:	\$4,621,609
Funds used for debt:	<u>(\$1,983,644)</u>
Funds available:	\$2,637,965
Costs to date:	<u>(\$2,521,980)</u>
Net funds available:	\$115,985

The Sacrament of Baptism

8:00 AM

Callen James Edwards

SON OF JACEY AND STUART EDWARDS

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11:00 AM

Leland Combs Misner

SON OF MAGGIE AND STUART MISNER

Emilia Constance Russell

DAUGHTER OF MARY KATHERINE AND RUSS RUSSELL

Miller Fernando Strong

SON OF MARIANNE AND PATRICK STRONG



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BAPTISM

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: *He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation such as those above.

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

The “passing of the peace” precedes the Lord’s Supper as a liturgical reminder of our unity as members of Christ’s body. 1 Corinthians 11:18-19 implores us to not let factions and divisions remain in our midst. Thus, the peace calls us to move toward our brothers and sisters as Christ moves toward us.

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.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors, please take a moment to fill out the attendance cards located in the pew racks.

You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 14.

Children are dismissed at this time.

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 ▪ C227 (dismissed during the worship hour)

1st through 3rd Grades ▪ C316 (dismissed during the worship hour)

The Jesus Storybook Bible Stories & Songs Tour. Covenant is excited to host Sally Lloyd-Jones and Ellie Holcomb Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. for Stories & Songs, celebrating the 10th anniversary of The Jesus Storybook Bible. Tickets are on sale now at www.storiesandsongstour.com. Childcare for children ages 5 and under will be available for Covenant members (email nursery@covpres.com to make reservations).

Gospel Manhood. Our next Gospel Manhood lunch is Tuesday, April 18, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Greg Oliver with Awaken Recovery.

Women's Beach Retreat. Ladies, join us April 21-23 for a Beach Retreat in Seaside, FL! This retreat is for Covenant women to experience gospel hospitality together by enjoying fellowship, prayer, discussions, the beach, food, and one another. The cost is \$200 and includes cottage rental, breakfast Saturday and Sunday, dinner Saturday, beach chair/umbrella rental, and shared bike rentals. Register today at covpres.com/beachretreat.

Summer Children's Programs. We have lots of programs and activities planned for our children this summer! CDS and MDO have several weeks of fun planned for infants through rising 1st graders. Please check the CDS and MDO web pages at covpres.com for registration information. Our Children's Ministry has scheduled lots of events for the summer as well, including our Wild, Wild West VBS, June 12-15. You may register for those events and volunteer for VBS at covpres.com/summer-programs.

Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer. Spring is a busy time for everyone! We love seeing your kids on Sundays, and we would LOVE to see you too. We need extra hands to help our children engage in God's Word during Children's Worship and Sunday School. Please visit covpres.com/volunteering to volunteer with the Children's Ministry on Sundays!

Officer Nominations. Please take a moment to submit nominations for the offices of Deacon, Elder, and Trustee, and also for our Nominating Committee (class of 2020). There is a form at the back of our Worship Guide, or you may visit covpres.com/nominations.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: April 16-22, 2017

SUNDAY, April 16

- 6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service (Vulcan Park)
- 7:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:00 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 a.m. Children's Worship | 3 years through 3rd grade
- 10:00 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Worship | 3 years through 3rd grade

MONDAY, April 17

- 8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (E305)

TUESDAY, April 18

- 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Women's Study: The Big Questions
at the home of Marne Wood, 23 Winthrop Ave
- 9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Women's Study: Motherhood Study (E304)
- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)
- 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Women's Study: From Garden to Glory (E301B)
- 11:30 a.m. Gospel Manhood (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Stories & Songs: an evening with Sally Lloyd-Jones and Ellie Holcomb (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, April 19

- 5:30-7:00 p.m. Women's Study: From Garden to Glory (E303)
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Study: God Owns It All (E201)
- 6:00-7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30-8:45 p.m. Musicians' Rehearsal

FRIDAY, April 21

- 11:30 p.m. *Women's Beach Retreat begins (Seaside, FL)*
CDS 3's and 4's Spring Program (Sanctuary)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Bill Boyd, April 17-23).

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

And so Lord, we pray as Christ taught:

ALL: *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.*

GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-18

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

GOD WELCOMES US TO HIS TABLE

INVITATION

The 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Mark 14:22-25

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

ALL: *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 eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body and our souls washed through His most precious blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.*

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

Celebrant: 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, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

**If you desire gluten free bread, please walk down the center aisle, either upstairs or down, and the server will provide it accordingly. Congregation will sing the printed hymns during Communion.*

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

“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.

Words and Music: James Montgomery, 1771-1854.

“My Jesus Has Done All Things Well”

O for a heart prepared to sing,
To God, my Savior and my King;
While with his saints I join to tell,
My Jesus has done all things well.

How sovereign, wonderful, and free,
Is all his love to sinful me!
He plucked me as a brand from hell;
My Jesus has done all things well.

And since my soul has known his love,
What mercies has he made me prove;
Mercies which all my praise excel;
My Jesus has done all things well.

Soon shall I pass the veil of death,
And in his arms shall lose my breath;
Yet then my happy soul shall tell,
My Jesus has done all things well.

And when to that bright world I rise,
And join the anthems in the skies,
Among the rest this note shall swell,
My Jesus has done all things well.

Words: Samuel Medley, 1776. Music: Jeff Koonce, 2014.

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DAILY WORSHIP RESOURCES

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. Set in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a schedule of daily Bible readings in accord with the Church year, these scripture readings are designed around a three-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently.

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY • EASTER SUNDAY

Morning	Psalm 148, 149, 150	Exodus 12:1-14	John 1:1-18
Evening	Psalm 113, 114	Isaiah 51:9-11	John 20:19-23

MONDAY

Morning	Psalm 93, 98	Jonah 2:1-9	John 14:1-14
Evening	Psalm 66	Acts 2:14, 22-32	

TUESDAY

Morning	Psalm 103	Isaiah 30:18-21	John 14:15-31
Evening	Psalm 111, 114	Acts 2:26-47	

WEDNESDAY

Morning	Psalm 97, 99	Micah 7:7-15a	John 15:1-11
Evening	Psalm 115	Acts 3:1-10	

THURSDAY

Morning	Psalm 146, 147	Ezekiel 37:1-14	John 15:12-27
Evening	Psalm 148, 149	Acts 3:11-26	

FRIDAY

Morning	Psalm 136	Daniel 12:1-4, 133	John 16:1-15
Evening	Psalm 118	Acts 4:1-12	

SATURDAY

Morning	Psalm 145	Isaiah 25:1-9	John 16:16-33
Evening:	Psalm 104	Acts 4:13-31	

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY • SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Morning	Psalm 146, 147	Isaiah 43:8-13	John 14:1-7
Evening	Psalm 111, 112, 113	1 Peter 2:2-10	



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