The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eastertide May 5, 2019

To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to fill the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, and to devote the will to the service of God.

-William Temple

Men will never worship God with a sincere heart, or be roused to fear and obey Him with sufficient zeal, until they properly understand how much they are indebted to His mercy.

—John Calvin

We are called to an everlasting preoccupation with God.

- A.W. Tozer

Oh God, to know you is life. To serve you is freedom. To praise you is the soul's joy and delight.

St. Augustine

CALL TO WORSHIP

Josh Johnson

Congregation stand as able.

M HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, O Come Thou Holy Spirit"



Words: Anonymous ["Holy Source of Consolation" (Noel's Selection 1838)] and Joachim Neander translated by Charles William Schaeffer ["Come O Come Thou Quickening Spirit" 1866) and Julie Melucci. Music: Julie Melucci.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Margaret Ann Pyburn

Ezekiel 36:22-28

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. 24I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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

○ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"God the Spirit"







one in love and pow'r and glo ry with the Fa ther_ and the_Son.



Words: Samuel J. Stone. Music: Matt Boswell, 2010.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 16:4b-15

But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; "concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" Chancel Choir

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth;
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.

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M PASSING OF THE PEACE

Christ is Risen!
He is Risen, indeed!
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

Children's Worship Information

Children ages 3 to 4 may attend Children's Worship for the entire worship service, while kindergarteners through 2nd graders are dismissed during the Passing of the Peace. Following the worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

3K & 4K • C221 (available for the entire worship hour)

Kindergarten • C221 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)*

1st - 2nd Grade • C316 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)*

*Children on the main level will dismiss through the door leading into the Fellowship Hall, and children in the balcony will dismiss through the door closest to the elevator.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Russell Martin

® READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 5:18-20

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...

All flesh is like grass,

And all its glory is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the word of our God stands forever.

MODE CONGREGATIONAL SUPPLICATION

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.

MESSAGE

THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE"
Sandy Willson

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

Marty Crawford

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,

Who has sent Your Spirit into our hearts that we might joyfully worship You, we confess with deep sorrow that we have often forsaken our calling and have pursued the lusts of our eyes,

the lusts of our flesh,

and the pride of life,

rather than the joy of worshiping and serving You.

Please forgive us,

and, by Your Spirit, restore us to a life of devotion to You and Your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

M Assurance of Pardon

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

—Isaiah 57:15

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.

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 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 and the Lord's Prayer

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.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

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

"Open Our Eyes"





Words and Music: Bruce Benedict and Zachary Hicks.

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Let us love and sing and wonder, Let us praise the Savior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mt. Sinai's flame.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, Pitied us when enemies, Called us by His grace and taught us, Gave us ears and gave us eyes:

He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation Threatens hard to bring us down! For the Lord, our strong salvation, Holds in view the conqueror's crown.

Let us wonder; grace and justice Join and point to mercy's store; When through grace in Christ our trust is, Justice smiles and asks no more:

He who washed us with his blood, He who washed us with his blood, He who washed us with his blood, Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus Of the saints enthroned on high; Here they trusted him before us, Now their praises fill the sky:

He has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood, He will bring us home to God.

He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood (x4)

Words: John Newton, 1774. Music: Laura Taylor, 2001.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Our gracious Father, we humbly bow our heads and hearts to render unto You our joyful thanksgiving.

For the beauty of Your creation, including every human being,

we give You thanks, O Lord.

For sending Your only Son to rescue us from sin by the shedding of His own blood,

we give You thanks, O Lord.

For raising Jesus Christ from the dead, thus securing our eternal life with You,

we give You thanks, O Lord.

For the gift of Your Holy Spirit Who conforms us to the likeness of Your Son,

we give You thanks, O Lord, and offer to You our praise and worship, now and forever. Amen.

EXECUTE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



1.May the grace of Christ our Sav ior and the Fa ther's bound less love, 2.Thus may we a - bide in u-nion with each oth - er and_ the Lord,



with the Ho-ly Spir-it's fa-vor, rest up-on us from a-bove. and pos-sess, in sweet com-mu-nion, joys which earth can-not af-ford.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: May 5 - 11, 2019

SUNDAY, May 5

8:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages

(see page 22 for details)

10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | 3 years through 2nd grade

12:00 p.m. College Sunday School and Lunch

at the home of Kristen and Nathan Collums

(207 Monterey Place, 35216)

MONDAY, May 6

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

TUESDAY, May 7

6:30 a.m. Sr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)

WEDNESDAY, May 8

6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Please see our full calendar of Covenant events at covpres.com/calendar.

Creatif Artist Reception and Book Signing. Please join us today, immediately following our gathered worship service, for a luncheon reception in the commons area/dining room to celebrate our newest featured Creatif artist, Kathryn Trotter and the release of Joan Kendall's book, Secrets on Saulter Road! Creatif, Covenant's Art Series from our art guild, is excited to host this event to celebrate two of our talented church members. Joan will be signing her book and sharing about her journey and writing process, and Kathryn will share about her paintings and creative process as well. Please join us as we celebrate God, the Creator, and the creativity He has given to these two women and how they are living out those gifts!

Mother's Day Photos. On Sunday, May 12, our youth ministry will be set up to take photos of you and your family! You can sign up for a time slot at covpresyouth.com, and walk-ups are also welcome. There is a \$10 suggested donation for the photo, and we will also have flowers in mason jars and CovPres coffee mugs available for purchase. All proceeds will go toward the youth missions trip to Oregon this summer.

All Women's Choir. All women and girls are invited to sing in the choir on Sunday morning, May 12. Please gather in the choir loft at 9:45 for a brief rehearsal. We look forward to hearing Covenant women of all ages lift their voices in praise to our Lord!

Gospel Manhood. Our next Gospel Manhood lunch is Tuesday, May 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Ronnie Stevens, who serves with International Church Ministries in Moscow, Russia.

VBS Volunteers. VBS is June 10-13 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon for rising 4k through 4th grades! We'll blast off through space with and explore God's out-of-this-world LOVE that launched the greatest rescue mission of all time! We need YOU for this mission, so if you enjoy having fun and seeing children have fun while sharing the Gospel, visit covpres.com/summer-activities to volunteer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE | DINING ROOM* 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 3os and 4os

LIVING STONES | E303 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 50s and 60s

OPEN DOORS | S105 *70s and above*

UPPER ROOM | S101 6os and 7os

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

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John Smith T Bob Schaffeld Clay Wheeler Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard

> Steve Stigler Mark Taylor John Wood

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2021 2019 2020

Nick Baggett Jim Bennett Tripp Alexander Ward Bailey Paul Darden Gary Gorham Samuel Bragg Jay Evans Keith Harrelson Trey Clegg Bryan Flores Jeff Hayes Will Graham John Gant Steve Killgore Jeff Hicks Steve Pfitzer John David Gray Jim Jenkins Marty Martin Brent Powell Alan Spooner Bud Miller Matt Searson Patrick Strong Tyler O'Connor John Shank

John Shults

Todd Sitton Danny Smith William Slappey Robert Stephens Billy Tapscott Clark Worrell Darrell Tucker

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 2019.

APRIL READING PLAN

	2 SAMUEL	LUKE		
27/28	□ 17-20	□ 21		
29	□ 21-22	□ 22:1-30		
30	□ 23-24	□ 22:31-53		
MAY READING PLAN				
	1 KINGS			
1	□ 1-2	□ 22:54-71		
2	□ 3-5	□ 23:1-25		
3	□ 6-7	□ 23:26-43		
4/5	□ 8-11	□ 23:44-24:35		
6	□ 12-13	□ 24:36-53		
		JOHN		
7	□ 14-15	□ 1:1-28		
8	□ 16-18	□ 1:29-51		
9	□ 19-20	□ 2		
10	□ 21-22	□ 3:1-21		
	2 KINGS			
11/12	□ 1-5	□ 3:22-4:30		
13	□ 6-7	□ 4:31-54		
14	□ 8-10	□ 5:1-24		
15	□ 11-13	□ 5:25-47		
16	□ 14-16	□ 6:1-21		
17	□ 17-19	□ 6:22-51		
18/19	□ 20-25	□ 6:52-7:31		
1 CHRONICLES				
20	□ 1-2	□ 7:32-53		
21	□ 3-5	□ 8:1-20		
22	□ 6-7	□ 8:21-38		
23	□ 8-10	□ 8:39-59		
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27	□ 20-22	□ 10:22-42		
28	□ 23-25	□ 11:1-16		
29	□ 26-27	□ 11:17-44		
30	□ 28-29	□ 11:45-57		
2 CHRONICLES				
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