

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of Eastertide
May 6, 2018

Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer;
Death is strong, but Life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right;
Faith and Hope triumphant say
Christ will rise on Easter Day.

—Phillips Brooks

The resurrection is not merely important to the historic Christian faith; without it, there would be no Christianity. It is the singular doctrine that elevates Christianity above all other world religions.

—Adrian Rogers

We live and die; Christ died and lived!

—John Stott

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

—C.S. Lewis

Our old status lies in his tomb. A new status is ours through his resurrection.

—Sinclair B. Ferguson

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Crawford

(Congregational responses are *italicized*.)

Psalm 149:1-2

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

☒ HYMN OF JOYFUL PRAISE

“Come People of the Risen King”



1. Come, peo - ple of the Ri - sen King, who de -
2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those
3. Come, young and old from ev - ery land - men and



light to bring Him praise; come all and tune your
weep - ing through the night; come, those who tell of
wo - men of the faith; come, those with full or

☒ ***Congregation stand as able.***

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hearts to sing to the Morn-ing Star of grace. From the
bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His
emp - ty hands - find the rich - es of His grace. Ov - er

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shift - ing shad - ows of the earth we will
per - fect love will nev - er change, and His
all the world, His peo - ple sing - shore to

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lift our eyes to Him, where stead - y arms
mer - cies nev - er cease, but fol - low us th
shore we hear them call the Truth that cries th

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mer - cy reach to — gath - er chil - dren in. Re -
all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace.
ev - ery age: "Our — God is all in all!"

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joyce! Re - joyce! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joyce! One

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heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, re - joyce!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ, our Risen and Exalted King,
be forever praised by Your children here gathered,
and by those of Your flock around the globe,
for You have saved us from our sins by Your blood,
and have raised us to eternal life by Your Resurrection;
wherefore we adore You and bow before You as our Sovereign Lord.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, blessed forever,
receive our grateful praise, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.



RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Grace Harrelson

John 20:24-29

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them.

*Although the doors were locked,
Jesus came and stood among them and said,
"Peace be with you."*

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

☒ HYMN OF RESURRECTION

“Thine Be the Glory”



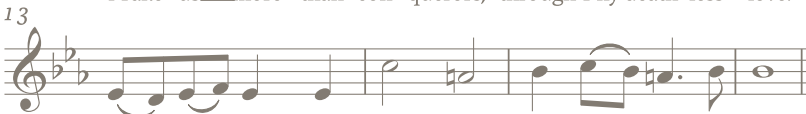
1. Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen, con - quering Son;
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ri - sen from the tomb;
3. No more we doubt Thee, glo - rious Prince of life!



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end - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.
lo - ving - ly He greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom.
Life is nought with - out Thee; aid us in our strife.



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An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
Let His church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
Make us more than con - querors, through Thy death less love:



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kept the fol - ded grave clothes where Thy bo - dy lay.
for her Lord now liv - eth: death hath lost its sting.
bring us safe through Jor - dan to Thy home a bove.



17 *Refrain:*
Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen, con - quering Son;



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end - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE WISDOM BOOKS

Job 19:23-27

"Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

*Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!*

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon
the earth.

*And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF EVERLASTING LIFE

“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 the Christian's trust.

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

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

“O Love”

Chancel Choir

O Love, O Love, O Love,
That will not let me go,
O Love,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thy ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Joy, O Joy, O Joy
That seeks me through the pain,
O Joy,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be
That morn shall tearless be

O Love, O Love, O Love,
That will not let me go,
O Love,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
I give Thee back the life I owe,
I give Thee back the life I owe
And in Thy ocean depths its flow
Shall richer, fuller be.
That morn shall tearless be.
O Love, O Love, O Love...

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taylor Brown

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

Charlie Logan

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Philippians 4:14-23

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. ²¹Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²²All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. ²³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

All flesh is like 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.*

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,
Who, in Your infinite love,
gave us Your one and only Son to die in our place,
and Who now calls us to imitate You
by giving sacrificially and from the heart,
we confess our sins of greed and selfishness;
for we have not always worshiped You with cheerful and extravagant gifts,
nor have we always been generous with our neighbor.
Please forgive us, gracious Lord,
and renew within us the spirit of generosity
and of sacrificial giving,
to the praise and glory of Jesus Christ our Beautiful Savior,
in Whose Name we pray. 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.

“O Great God”

O great God of highest heaven,
Occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme,
Conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain
That resist Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me,
Make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin,
Had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within,
Had no taste for heaven’s joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life,
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel or Your Son,
Gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life
That’s dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven,
Glorify Your Name through me.

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With my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven,
Glorify Your Name through me.

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“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Chorus:

Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise!
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise—
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.
(Chorus)

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Don't let that ransomed sinner die!”
(Chorus)

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.
(Chorus, twice)

Words: Charles Wesley, 1742. Music: Kevin Twit, 1996

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For the gifts of bread and wine,

We thank You, Lord.

For the gift of Your Son, Who ransomed us by His blood,

We thank You, Lord.

For His mighty Resurrection, which has won for us eternal life,

We thank You, Lord.

For the gift of Your Holy Spirit, sent from heaven above,

We thank You, Lord.

For the promise that You will never leave nor forsake us,

*We thank and praise You, O God,
and offer our lives anew to You,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Now Thank We All Our God”



All praise and thanks to God the

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Fa - ther now be giv - en, the

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Son, and Him who reigns with them in high-est

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heav - en--- the One e - ter - nal God, Whom

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earth and heav'n a - dore; for thus it was, is

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now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Words and Music: Psalter Hymnal (Gray), 1987.

☒ 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:

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)

Pastor of Young Adults. We are pleased to announce that Josh Johnson will be joining Covenant as our Pastor of Young Adults. In this position, Josh will minister to college students and our two young adult Sunday School Communities (Threshold and Crosspointe). Josh and wife Elizabeth have been married for seven years and have a son, Bridger (18 months). They met while attending Covenant College and both graduated in 2011. The Johnsons previously served in Chattanooga and as missionaries in Trujillo, Peru. Most recently they lived in Jackson, MS, where Josh received his MDiv from Reformed Theological Seminary. They are excited about joining the staff at Covenant and look forward to jumping into ministry!

Women's May Bible Study. Join us on Wednesdays in May (9, 16, and 23) to discuss Abby Hutto's lessons from the book of John that she shared on our Winter Retreat. We will listen to the lessons on our own each week before we meet. The lessons can be found at covpres.com/may-study. We will meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Commons area.

Women's Celebration Stories. Ladies, please join us for Celebration Stories on May 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room to hear stories of how God has impacted the lives of women at Covenant through the Bible studies we have had this past year. Lunch and nursery will be provided.

Gospel Manhood. Men, our final Gospel Manhood lunch is Tuesday, May 15 in the Fellowship Hall. Our topic will be "The Man and His Mission," and lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. There is a \$10 suggested donation for the meal.

Church-wide Prayer Time. From the beginning, the early church "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42). In the same way Covenant desires to establish a dedicated time of prayer open to all congregants. On May 20, you are invited to our first once-a-month, 30-minute guided time of prayer that will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00-5:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings prior to the monthly officers' meeting. Adults, youth, and children... all are invited!

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: May 6-12, 2018

SUNDAY, May 6

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Senior and Junior High Small Groups

MONDAY, May 7

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

TUESDAY, May 8

- 11:00 a.m. Women's Ministry: Celebration Stories
(Dining Room)

WEDNESDAY, May 9

- 7:30-8:30 p.m. Women's Study: The Book of John (Commons)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Dan Edwards, May 7-13).

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

10:30 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COMMUNITY E305	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
CORNERSTONE S104	<i>30s and 40s</i>
CROSSPOINTE S100	<i>20s and 30s</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>
THRESHOLD DINING ROOM	<i>Singles and newly married; 20s and 30s</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
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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

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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.

MAY READING PLAN

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