The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Trinity Sunday June 23, 2019

After Martin Luther came to realize, in 1517, that the "righteousness of God" in Paul's letter to the Romans is not the righteousness that God requires of us, but rather the righteousness God gives to us, Luther's life was transformed. He wrote:

"Thereupon I felt that I had been born again and entered paradise through wide open doors...From then on the whole face of Scripture appeared different...As much as I had previously hated the expression "righteousness of God," I now loved it and treasured it as that righteousness through which we are made righteous."

About Luther's discovery, German historian Kurt Alland once wrote, "The entire world broke apart because of an exegetical discovery."

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress; 'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught to my charge shall lay? Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

—Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf (1739)

EXECUTE CALL TO WORSHIP

Josh Johnson

Psalm 63:1-4

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;

in your name I will lift up my hands.

MHYMN OF PRAISE

"Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love"





Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Papa, Aaron Keyes, Luke Brown.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Judson Smith

John 19:16-30

So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews." ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. ²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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

SONG OF CHRIST'S SACRIFICE

"Nothing But the Blood"

What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus:

Oh precious is the flow That makes me white as snow! No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone.

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Naught of good that I have done.

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace. Nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness. Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*Chorus, twice*)

Words and Music: Robert Lowry, 1876.

M PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one an other to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"We Draw Near" Liz Richardson and Choral Ensemble

Year by year, in the temple,
Blood was shed by the priest
To atone for the people,
But it could not make them clean.

Til He came, spotless Lamb, Offered himself, put away sin Once and for all, once and for all; It is finished!

Chorus:

So, we draw near, We boldly come; Jesus, our righteousness, Washed by his blood. We draw near, To your throne of grace; Jesus, our confidence, Seeking your face.

Our High Priest, Word made flesh, Worthy of the Holy Place, Curtain torn, at His death; Christ the new and living way.

Rising up, He entered in, He sat down, at Your right hand; He is alive, He is alive! Interceding!

Let our praises rise up as an incense, Filled with reverence and awe. Let our lives be poured out for your glory, Pleasing to You God.

Words and Music: Caroline Cobb.

M 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.

Children's Worship Information

Summer Children's Worship is available for rising 4K through 3rd grades. Please read the details below regarding dismissal from the sanctuary and classroom assignments. If you are a guest and have not checked your child into our system, please visit the nursery welcome desk (1st floor) to receive a name tag and pickup details.

- Rising 4K & Kindergarten | C221; available for the entire worship hour
- Rising 1st through 3rd | 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 21.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Charlie Logan

SECOND READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 6:13-14

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness...

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.

MESSAGE

"THE CHRISTIAN'S BREASTPLATE"
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. An usher will prompt each pew when it is time to come forward to receive the bread and the cup, and then you will return to your seat. If you are not communing but would like to participate, please come forward and cross your hands in front of your chest, and the one serving communion will pray a brief prayer for you or pronounce a blessing over you.

The congregation will read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Prayer of Confession

David Driskill

Holy Father,
Whose eyes are too pure to look upon iniquity,
and Who cannot tolerate wrong,
we confess that we have fallen short of all Your commandments
and are not worthy to stand in Your presence.
Please forgive us all our sins,
cleanse us of all unrighteousness,
and enliven our hearts that we may believe, with full assurance of faith,
that You have clothed us in the righteousness of Jesus Christ,
and have given us the breastplate of righteousness.
This we pray in the matchless Name of our Redeemer,
the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

M Assurance of Pardon

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

-Romans 3:21-25a

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.

Moxology

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 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.

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

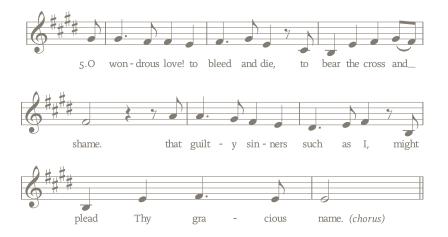
Congregation, please sing the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.

"Throne of Grace (Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat"









Words: John Newton, 1779; chorus lyrics: Rick Barnes, 2012. Music: Rick Barnes, 2012.

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea;
A great High priest Whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands.
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free; For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me. To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb, My perfect spotless Righteousness. The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace. One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Savior and my God, With Christ my Savior and my God.

One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Savior and my God, With Christ my Savior and my God.

Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft. Music: Vikki Cook, 1997 Sovereign Grace Worship (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing (IM)).

MATTER OF THANKSGIVING

M CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the grace of Christ our Savior, And the Father's boundless love, With the Holy Spirit's favor, Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union,
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: June 23 - 29, 2019

SUNDAY, June 23 *Jr. High at The Edge*

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages (see page 22)

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

12:00 p.m. Children's Worship | Rising 4k through 3rd grades 5:00 p.m. Reception for Tyrone Perry (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Congregational Prayer (Fellowship Hall)

Women's Study: Even Better Than Eden (Dining Room)

MONDAY, June 24

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

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Women's Study: From Garden to Glory

(dinner \$6; Dining Room)

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. College Dinner & Study

at the Dyess' home (3408 Water Oak Dr, 35243)

TUESDAY, June 25

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

WEDNESDAY, June 26 Jr. High returns from The Edge

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

6:30 p.m. Women's Summer Salad Supper

Karen Edwards will be sharing

at the home of Susan Gray (309 Malaga Ave, 35209)

THURSDAY, June 27

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

FRIDAY, June 28

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

*pre-registration required

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Reception for Tyrone Perry. Please join us today immediately following gathered worship to thank Tyrone Perry for his 33 and a half years of service at Covenant. Everyone is invited as we celebrate Tyrone and what he has meant to our church staff and family for these past three-plus decades!

Congregational Prayer Time. Join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for congregational prayer. All ages are invited to pray for our church family, staff, leadership, ministries, and community.

Women's Summer Salad Suppers. Ladies, our next Summer Salad Supper is this Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. Karen Edwards will be sharing at the home of Susan Gray (309 Malaga Ave, 35209). Visit covpres.com/womens-ministry for the full schedule.

Summer Chancel Choir. Summer choir is a no-strings-attached opportunity to see if choir might be an area in which you'd like to serve in the coming year. Our next rehearsal is Wednesday, July 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room, and we will sing the following Sunday, July 14. In August we will rehearse twice (August 7 and 10) and sing Sunday morning and evening August 11 during worship and during our Hymn Sing.

New Members' Class. If you would like to become a member of Covenant, our next New Members' Class is scheduled for September 20-22. We will meet Friday 6:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, and Sunday during the Sunday School hour. We will conclude with lunch on Sunday from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Nursery childcare will be provided for each session. Please email Victoria Williams to register for the class (vwilliams@covpres.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Some classes will be combined for the month of June. Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE | PARLOR College students

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

CORNERSTONE & FOUNDATIONS | E304 | 30s and 40s

CROSSPOINTE & 20s and 30s; **LIVING STONES** | S100 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS & 50s and 60s; **LIGHTHOUSE** | E201 30s and 40s

OPEN DOORS | S105 70s and above

THRESHOLD & singles and young marrieds,
UPPER ROOM | S104 20s and 30s; 60s and 70s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

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RULING ELDERS

2019 2020 2021 Ty Dedmon Bill Bennett Eric Getty Russell Martin Jeff Dyess Will Brooke Rick Flynn Michael Latta Daniel Murray Warren Norville Heath Henderson Charlie Logan Sandy Stradtman Tom McKnight Paul Loyless Clay Wheeler John Smith T Bob Schaffeld

Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard

Steve Stigler Mark Taylor John Wood

DEACONS

John Shank

2019

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

Tvler O'Connor

2020

2021

Patrick Strong

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

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.

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