The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity June 23, 2018

"Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience."

—Westminster Shorter Catechism

"Repentance and faith are distasteful to the unregenerate; they would sooner repeat a thousand formal prayers than shed a solitary tear of true repentance."

-Charles H. Spurgeon

"The recognition of sin is the beginning of salvation."

—Martin Luther

"Repentance, as we know, is basically not moaning and remorse, but turning and change."

—J.I. Packer

"Fear-based repentance makes us hate ourselves. Joy-based repentance makes us hate the sin."

—Tim Keller

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

—Jesus Christ

READING FROM THE PROPHETS & CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Driskill

(Congregational responses are italicized.)

Isaiah 12

You will say in that day:
"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:
"Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Let us worship God.

This we shall do with all our hearts.



M HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee, Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Let the amen sound from His people again; Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Words: based on Psalm 103, Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990. Music: *LOBE DEN HERREN*.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

We praise You, O God, for Your infinite glory and for Your amazing grace; for You have created us and all that is, and, when Your creatures rebelled against Your Majesty, You pardoned us and made us Your own beloved children, that we might forever glorify and enjoy You.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and make Your Name known among all the peoples, that all may join in Your worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS

Bud Miller

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,

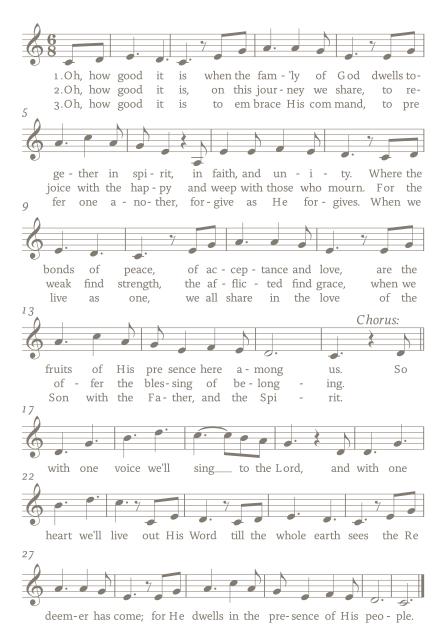
on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

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

"Oh How Good It Is"



Words and Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, onot a result of works, so that no one may boast. To For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

HYMN OF WONDER

"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, (x3) He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptations Threaten 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, (x3) 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, (x3) 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.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"We Delight" *Chancel Choir*

We delight in the Law of Your Word. We delight in the Son Who was perfect from birth. We delight in the day He's returning to earth. Hallelujah!

We will bow our hearts because we are free,
As we raise our hands to give You glory.
Father of life and love and infinite worth,
We're delivered by blood that flowed from the tree;
Draw us near to You, vessels of Your mercy,
Before the invention of man, the glorious Trinity.

We will lift our eyes to the cloud and the flame; Lord, You guide our steps and restore us again. The nations of man will rejoice in the God of the wilderness.

Words and Music: Joshua Moore, 2001.

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.

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 19.

Children are dismissed at this time.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Charlie Logan

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:14-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 'SFor these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 'But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;

18 even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

20 the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the
name of the Lord shall be saved.

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.
 ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
35until I make your enemies your footstool."

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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.

MESSAGE

"BELIEVING AND RECEIVING" 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

Holy Father,
Whose eyes are too pure to look upon iniquity,
and Who cannot tolerate wrong,
we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed,
both in what we have done and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent of our sin.
Please forgive our foolish ways,
and renew our hearts that we may return to You
with sincere faith, rekindled affections, and simple obedience,
that our lives may always glorify Your most holy Name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

-1 John 1:8-9

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.

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.

Gloria Patri

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: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Music: Old 100th; Genevan Psalter, 1551 Edition; attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561.

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.

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne.

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the vict'ry, His alone.

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus out of every nation Hath redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us, Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food and stay!

Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to Thee from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me.

Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Thy footstool, heav'n Thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest.
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim In the Eucharistic Feast.
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the vict'ry, His alone.

Words: William C. Dix, 1867. Music: Jeff Koonce, 2013.

"He Will Hold Me Fast"



Words: Ada R. Habershon (1861-1918). Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty, 2013.

MILITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Dear Father, Who created and sustains all things for Your glory, and Who has chosen us from before the beginning of time,

We thank You with all our hearts.

Lord Jesus, Who bled and died for us,
Who was raised for our justification,
Who now reigns at the Father's right hand and promises to
return in glory,
and Who has instituted this holy meal we celebrate,

We thank You and adore You.

Holy Spirit, Who has given us light and life by the new birth, Whose presence is our constant comfort and joy, and Who keeps us to the end,

We thank You and praise You.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we offer You high thanksgiving and unending praise.

Be forever exalted, O Lord. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"He Will Hold Me Fast"





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:

Rising 4K & Kindergarten • C224 (available for the entire worship hour)
Rising 1st-4th Grades • C316 (available for the entire worship hour)

Summer Sessions. We are offering two Sunday School options this summer for adults June 10, 17, 24, and July 1. Dr. Mark Gignilliat will be teaching from the Psalms in the Sanctuary. Melody and Traylor Lovvorn will be teaching "My Secure Family" in the Fellowship Hall, a seminar about how to effectively shepherd your children in the world of technology. Please join us for one of these classes!

Women's Summer Salad Suppers. Ladies, we are once again coming together in homes on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 to hear the stories of our Covenant sisters. This is a wonderful time of food and fellowship and a great way to get to know each other. Dinner will be available and no reservations are required! You can find all the dates and details at covpres.com/summersaladsuppers.

Moms' Summer Studies. We have several opportunities this summer for moms of all ages to connect, refresh, and be encouraged in motherhood by gathering with other women and spending time in the Word. The first session is Monday, June 11 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. (Nursery will be provided.) Questions? Contact Katie Flores at kflores@covpres.com.

Vacation Bible School. Covenant's Beach Bash is just around the corner! VBS is June 18-21 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. All rising 4k-4th graders are invited, and we also still need volunteers. If you love Jesus, can smile, and have fun... YOU ARE PERFECT for VBS! So please join us. You can register your child and sign up to volunteer at covpres.com/childrens-ministry.

RA Camp at Covenant. Restoration Academy is coming to Covenant for camp June 25-29 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. each day. Volunteer to help with CFAP and BFAP projects and hang out with the 1st-8th graders from RA. Kids are welcome to serve with you! Sign up to serve at covpres.com/childrens-ministry.

Men's Chorus & Summer Choir. Men, join our men's chorus on Sunday, June 17! We will rehearse in the Sanctuary at 8:15 a.m. Also, everyone is invited to join Summer Choir! Our first rehearsal is June 20 from 6:00-7:15 p.m. in S103 and we will sing in gathered worship on June 24.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: June 3-9, 2018

SUNDAY, June 3

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons) 9:00 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | Rising 4K through Rising 4th grade

10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages

MONDAY, June 4

6:30-8:30 p.m. College Ministry: Monday Dinner

(3416 Water Oak Drive)

TUESDAY, June 5

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

Kathy Girardeau speaking at the home of Michelle Smith

(2909 Pine Haven Drive)

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2018 2019 2020

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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.

JUNE READING PLAN

1 2/3 4 5 6 7 8 9/10	2 CHRONICLES 4-6 7-12 13-15 16-18 19-22 23-25 26-28 29-33 34-36	JOHN 12:20-50 13:1-14:14 14:15-31 15:1-17 15:18-16:15 16:16-33 17 18 19:1-19:16a
12 13 14	EZRA □ 1-2 □ 3-5 □ 6-8	□ 19:16b-42 □ 20 □ 21
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21 22 23/24	ESTHER □ 1-3 □ 4-6 □ 7-Job 2	□ 5:1-16 □ 5:17-42 □ 6:1-7:22
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