

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



JULY 18, 2021 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

"Jacob fails to keep his vow to build his altar at Bethel and then almost loses his household...One cannot worship God as one pleases. Jacob builds an altar, but in the wrong place. Because he is not in the place where he is supposed to be, he brings a sword, not a blessing, upon the nations."

—Bruce Waltke

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet."

—Jesus (Matthew 5:13)

I believe in...one Lord Jesus Christ...

Who for us men, and for our salvation,
came down from heaven;

And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man...

—from The Nicene Creed

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 96:1-6

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

All: *Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: *For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.*

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

All: *Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

 **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674. Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, attr. to Louis Bourgeois (1551).

 Congregation stand as able.

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ HYMNS OF ADORATION

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

I sing the Almighty pow'r of God That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word, And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed Where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread Or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below But makes your glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow By order from your throne;
While all that borrows life from You Is ever in Your care,
And everywhere than man can be You, God, are present there.

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Words: Isaac Watts, 1715. Music: traditional English melody; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

 "Come Praise and Glorify (Ephesians 1:3-14)"


1. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God,
 2. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God,
 3. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God,



the Fa - ther of our Lord.
 who gives His grace in Christ.
 for we've be - lieved the Word.



In Christ, He has in heav'n - ly realms
 In Him our sins are washed a - way,
 And through our faith we have a seal,



His bless - ings on us poured.
 re - deemed through sac - ri - fice.
 the Spir - it of the Lord.



For pure and blame - less in His sight
 In Him God has made known to us
 The Spir - it guar - an - tees our hope



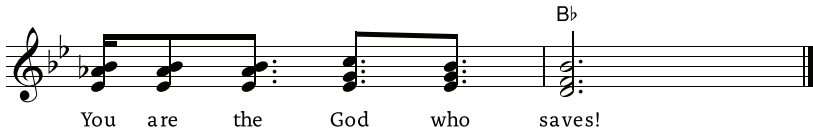
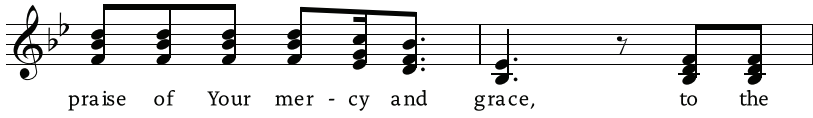
He des - tined us to be,
 the mys - t'ry of His will,
 un - til re - demp - tion's done,



And now we've been a - dopt - ed through
 That Christ should be the head of all,
 Un - til we join in end - less praise



His Son e - ter - nal - ly.
 His pur - pose to ful - fill.
 to God, the Three in One.



Words and Music: Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 4:1-14

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ²(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), ³he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 We acknowledge and confess before you;
 Our sinful nature quick to do evil and slow to do good;
 All our shortcomings and offenses are before you at all times.
 You alone know how often we have sinned;
 In wandering from your ways;
 In wasting your gifts;
 In forgetting your love.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us;
 For in our sin we have displeased you.
 Teach us to hate our errors;
 Cleanse us from our secret faults;
 And forgive our sins;
 For the sake of your dear Son.
 And, most holy and loving Father,
 Cause us to live in your light and walk in your ways;
 In keeping with the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord,
 According to the promised grace of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

☒ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If 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.

☞ GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"My Worth is Not in What I Own"

Congregational Hymn



1. My worth is not in what I ___ own, not
 2. My worth is not in skill or ___ name, in
 3. As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and ___ die, fame,
 4. I will not boast in wealth or ___ might, or
 5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: my



in the strength of flesh and bone, but
 win or lose, in pride or shame, but
 youth and beau - ty hur - ry by, but
 hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light, but
 worth and my un - worth - i - ness, my



in the cost - ly wounds of ___ love at the cross. (*to verse 2*)
 in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. (*refrain*)
 life e - ter - nal calls to ___ us at the cross. (*to verse 4*)
 I will boast in know - ing ___ Christ at the cross. (*refrain*)
 val - ue fixed - my ran - som_ paid at the cross. (*refrain*)

Refrain:



I re joice in my Re - deem - er, great est Treas - ure, well spring



of my soul. I will trust in Him, no oth - er, my soul is



sa - tis - fied in Him a - lone.

☒ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 19 for all of our Ministry Announcements. Please fill out the attendance sheet provided with your worship guide and leave it in your pew or at your table.

Children's Worship | 10:30 a.m. Children ages 3 years old (by 9/1/2020) through Kindergarten are invited to Children's Worship during the Passing of the Peace. Children will walk with staff to C222, C223, or C224, and staff will then walk children back to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, prior to communion, to join their parents.

Enfold Disability Ministry. Our church seeks to embrace and enfold people affected by disability. Please let an usher know how we can support and accommodate your needs during worship.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Genesis 34

Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the women of the land. ²And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, he seized her and lay with her and humiliated her. ³And his soul was drawn to Dinah the daughter of Jacob. He loved the young woman and spoke tenderly to her. ⁴So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, "Get me this girl for my wife."

⁵Now Jacob heard that he had defiled his daughter Dinah. But his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Jacob held his peace until they came. ⁶And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. ⁷The sons of Jacob had come in from the field as soon as they heard of it, and the men were indignant and very angry, because he had done an outrageous thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter, for such a thing must not be done.

⁸But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him to be his wife. ⁹Make marriages with us. Give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves. ¹⁰You shall dwell with us, and the land shall be open to you. Dwell and trade in it, and get property in it." ¹¹Shechem also said to her father and to her brothers, "Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I will give. ¹²Ask me for as great a bride-price and gift as you will, and I will give whatever you say to me. Only give me the young woman to be my wife."

¹³The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and his father Hamor deceitfully, because he had defiled their sister Dinah. ¹⁴They said to them, "We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a disgrace to us. ¹⁵Only on this condition will we agree with you—that you will become as we are by every male among you being circumcised. ¹⁶Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to ourselves, and we will dwell with you and become one people. ¹⁷But if you will not listen to us and be circumcised, then we will take our daughter, and we will be gone."

¹⁸Their words pleased Hamor and Hamor's son Shechem. ¹⁹And the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he delighted in Jacob's daughter. Now he was the most honored of all his father's house. ²⁰So Hamor and his son Shechem came to the gate of their city and spoke to the men of their city, saying, ²¹"These men are at peace with us; let them dwell in the land and trade in it, for behold, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters as wives, and let us give them our daughters. ²²Only on this condition will the men agree to dwell with us to become one people—when every male among us is circumcised as they are circumcised. ²³Will not their livestock, their property and all their beasts be ours? Only let us agree with them, and they will dwell with us." ²⁴And all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and his son Shechem, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

²⁵On the third day, when they were sore, two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took their swords and came against the city while it felt secure and killed all the males. ²⁶They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the sword and took Dinah out of Shechem's house and went away. ²⁷The sons of Jacob came upon the slain and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister. ²⁸They took their flocks and their herds, their donkeys, and whatever was in the city and in the field. ²⁹All their wealth, all their little ones and their wives, all that was in the houses, they captured and plundered.

³⁰Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me by making me stink to the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and the Perizzites. My numbers are few, and if they gather themselves against me and attack me, I shall be destroyed, both I and my household." ³¹But they said, "Should he treat our sister like a prostitute?"

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

Robby Holt

John 4:39-42

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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

Words of Institution

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

Our Confident Access

In Jesus, the Son of God, we have a sympathetic, great high priest who lives for us. He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Let us, therefore, with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Prayer of Humble Access

*We come to your Table, Lord Jesus,
not trusting in our own righteousness, but in your rich mercies.
We are not worthy, O Great King,
to gather up the crumbs under your Table,
yet you are the King of mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
in this breaking of bread, a rich participation in your body,
and in this cup, a stronger grasp of your grace,
that by your Spirit, we may commune with you
and you with 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.

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 partaking of these elements but would like to come forward with your fellow worshipers, please 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.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

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

"My Help, My God"

Why are you so full of heaviness?
Why are you disquieted within?
Oh my soul, Oh my soul.

As the deer longs for the water brooks,
So my soul it longs, it thirsts for you,
Oh my God, Oh my God.

Chorus:

Put your trust in God,
I will yet give thanks to Him,
Put your trust in God,
I will yet give thanks to Him,
Put your trust in God,
I will yet give thanks to Him,
My help, my God.

Deep calls unto deep like ocean waves,
All your floods and rapids on me break,
Oh my soul, Oh my soul.

I will say unto my God, my strength,
"How is it you have forgotten me?
Oh how long? Oh how long?"
(Chorus)

Yahweh grants his kindness in the day,
Through the night his song, it is with me.
Oh my soul, Oh my soul.
(Chorus)

Words and Music: Sandra McCracken, Thad Cockrell.

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and pow'r.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten-thousand charms.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
(Refrain)

View Him prostrate in the garden,
On the ground your Maker lies;
On the bloody tree behold Him,
Sinner, will this not suffice?
(Refrain)

Lo! The incarnate God ascended,
Pleads the merit of His blood;
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
(Refrain, twice)

Words: Joseph Hart; Refrain, source unknown. Music: traditional American melody;
Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835, arr. Fernando Ortega.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: July 18 - 24, 2021**SUNDAY, July 18**

8:00 a.m. Gathered Worship
9:15 a.m. All Covenant Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship

**MONDAY, July 19 -
FRIDAY, July 23**

9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose (Session III)
2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Created for a Purpose (Session IV)

WEDNESDAY, July 21

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Covenant Prayer Time (S100)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, July 19 - 25).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Trip to New Hampshire. Please pray for our team that is in New Hampshire this week leading "Explorer Camp" at Church of the Redeemer, our sister PCA church in Manchester. Please pray for the children attending the camp and their families, that their hearts will be open to hearing and receiving the gospel.

July/August Sunday School. Each Sunday through August 8 we are having All-Covenant Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. for all of our Sunday School Communities, including children and youth (nursery care is available; children's and youth classes are not meeting separately). We are studying a number of passages from the Old Testament (see page 20) as we gather for joint Sunday School, spanning from children to older adults, so that we can fellowship with one another and hear and engage with God's Word together. Everyone is invited to participate in our All-Covenant Sunday School on Sunday mornings!

Scripture Memory. Our church-wide memory passage is Titus 2:11-14. We will be memorizing these verses from now through August 8. Pick up a memory verse card pack in the Sanctuary foyer to help you memorize our verses. These beautiful cards can be framed, hung on your fridge, or stuck to a mirror to remind you of the scriptures we are learning together as a church body.

"ONE-ANOTHERING"

ALL COVENANT SUNDAY SCHOOL



July 11 - August 8

ALL ages* are invited to attend our Family-Style Sunday School together in the Fellowship Hall.

EHUD THE LEFT-HANDED SUPER ASSASSIN (YAHWEH RAISED UP A DELIVERER)

July 18 | Judges 3

Focus: God's deliverer who brings salvation and rest for God's people.

SAMSON (VICTORY THROUGH DEATH)

July 25 | Judges 13-16

Focus: Samson, the great deliverer, whose greatest victory came through his self-sacrificing death (hello, JESUS!).

HANNAH AND SAMUEL (LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE)

August 1 | 1 Samuel 1-6

Focus: God listens to Hannah's cries and speaks to young Samuel—
God hears us and delights to speak to us in His Word.

DANCING DAVID (JOYFUL WORSHIP LIKE NOBODY IS WATCHING)

August 8 | 2 Samuel 6

Focus: God delights in joyful worship in His presence—
we are invited to celebrate like nobody is watching!

*Nursery care is available; Children's & Youth Sunday School classes will not meet separately.

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Norman Pless

Kurt Senn

2023

Will Brooke

Nathan Collums

Jeff Dyess

Michael Latta

Charlie Logan

Bob Schaffeld

John Smith T

Steve Stigler

DEACONS

2021

Nick Baggett

Ward Bailey

Samuel Bragg

Trey Clegg

Will Graham

Jeff Hicks

Jim Jenkins

Alan Spooner

Patrick Strong

2022

Jim Bennett

William Edwards

Merrill Johnston

Randall Lancaster

Mark Midyette

Stephen Mince

Clyde Prather

John Shank

Matt Thomas

Greg Tomlinson

2023

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BIBLE READING PLAN

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. You can use them along with the readings, prayers, and hymns from your worship guide each week. 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 2021.

JULY READING PLAN

	JOB	ACTS
1	□ 24-25	□ 11
2	□ 26-27	□ 12
3/4	□ 28-33	□ 13
5	□ 34-36	□ 14
6	□ 37-38	□ 15
7	□ 39-40	□ 16:1-15
8	□ 41-Psalm 1	□ 16:16-40
	PSALMS	
9	□ 2-3	□ 17:1-15
10/11	□ 4-9	□ 17:16-34
12	□ 10-12	□ 18
13	□ 13-15	□ 19
14	□ 16-18	□ 20:1-16
15	□ 19-22	□ 20:17-38
16	□ 23-24	□ 21:1-16
17/18	□ 25-29	□ 21:17-36
19	□ 30-32	□ 21:37-23:11
20	□ 33-35	□ 23:12-35
21	□ 36-38	□ 24
22	□ 39-41	□ 25
23	□ 42-43	□ 26
24/25	□ 44-49	□ 27:1-32
26	□ 50-52	□ 27:33-28:10
27	□ 53-55	□ 28:11-31
		ROMANS
28	□ 56-58	□ 1
29	□ 59-61	□ 2
30	□ 62-64	□ 3
31/Aug. 1	□ 65-69	□ 4

