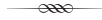


The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The story of chapter 38, then, is much like the other patriarchal narratives outside the story of Joseph that show the promised seed in jeopardy and the patriarch demonstrating little concern for its preservation. As in chapter 20, where the seed of Abraham was protected by the "righteous" Abimelech, here it is the woman, Tamar, not Judah the patriarch, who is ultimately responsible for the survival of the seed of the house of Judah."

—John Sailhamer

"The *book of the genealogy* of Jesus Christ, the son of *David*, the son of *Abraham*.

²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of *Judah* and his brothers, ³and *Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar*, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of *David* the king.

—Matthew 1:1-6

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

—from the Nicene Creed

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 63

Leader: 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.

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

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

All: *So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.**

**As we read this line, please lift up your hands.*

 **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

 *Congregation stand as able.*

☒ HYMNS OF ADORATION

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"


A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, For lo! His doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also,
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still;
His Kingdom is forever.

Words: Martin Luther, 1529; tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; based on Psalm 46.
Music: Martin Luther, 1529.

 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown Him with many crowns,
 The Lamb upon His throne.
 Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
 All music but its own!
 Awake, my soul, and sing
 Of Him who died for thee,
 And hail Him as thy matchless King
 Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life
 Who triumphed o'er the grave,
 And rose victorious in the strife
 For those He came to save.
 His glories now we sing,
 Who died and rose on high,
 Who died, eternal life to bring
 And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,
 Whose power a scepter sways;
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
 And all be prayer and praise.
 His reign shall know no end,
 And round his pierced feet
 Fair flow'rs of paradise extend,
 Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of love!
 Behold His hands and side,
 Rich wounds, yet visible above
 In beauty glorified.
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!
 For Thou hast died for me;
 Thy praise and glory shall not fail
 Throughout eternity!

Thy praise and glory shall not fail
 Throughout eternity!

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Titus 3:1-3

Remind [God's people] to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ²to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. ³For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.


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.*

☒ TRISAGION



Ho - - ly God,

Ho - ly and Migh - ty,

Ho - - ly im - mor - tal One, have

mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

A - men, a - men, a - - men.

Words: Book of Common Prayer. Music: Fernando Ortega. CCLI# 147209; Three-fold Amen: anonymous.

☒ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

—Titus 3:4-7

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**

"Before the Throne of God Above"
Congregational Hymn

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.

 **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 17 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 9/1/2021) 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 38

It happened at that time that Judah went down from his brothers and turned aside to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. ²There Judah saw the daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua. He took her and went in to her, ³and she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Er. ⁴She conceived again and bore a son, and she called his name Onan. ⁵Yet again she bore a son, and she called his name Shelah. Judah was in Chezib when she bore him.

⁶And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. ⁷But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord put him to death. ⁸Then Judah said to Onan, "Go in to your brother's wife and perform the duty of a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother." ⁹But Onan knew that the offspring would not be his. So whenever he went in to his brother's wife he would waste the semen on the ground, so as not to give offspring to his brother. ¹⁰And what he did was wicked in the sight of the Lord, and he put him to death also. ¹¹Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house, till Shelah my son grows up"—for he feared that he would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went and remained in her father's house.

¹²In the course of time the wife of Judah, Shua's daughter, died. When Judah was comforted, he went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. ¹³And when Tamar was told, "Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep," ¹⁴she took off her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil, wrapping herself up, and sat at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she had not been given to him in marriage. ¹⁵When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. ¹⁶He turned to her at the roadside and said, "Come, let me come in to you," for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?" ¹⁷He answered, "I will send you a young goat from the flock." And she said, "If you give me a pledge, until you send it—" ¹⁸He said,

“What pledge shall I give you?” She replied, “Your signet and your cord and your staff that is in your hand.” So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him. ¹⁹Then she arose and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood.

²⁰When Judah sent the young goat by his friend the Adullamite to take back the pledge from the woman's hand, he did not find her.

²¹And he asked the men of the place, “Where is the cult prostitute who was at Enaim at the roadside?” And they said, “No cult prostitute has been here.” ²²So he returned to Judah and said, “I have not found her. Also, the men of the place said, ‘No cult prostitute has been here.’”

²³And Judah replied, “Let her keep the things as her own, or we shall be laughed at. You see, I sent this young goat, and you did not find her.”

²⁴About three months later Judah was told, “Tamar your daughter-in-law has been immoral. Moreover, she is pregnant by immorality.” And Judah said, “Bring her out, and let her be burned.” ²⁵As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, “By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant.” And she said, “Please identify whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff.” ²⁶Then Judah identified them and said, “She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.” And he did not know her again.

²⁷When the time of her labor came, there were twins in her womb.

²⁸And when she was in labor, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, “This one came out first.” ²⁹But as he drew back his hand, behold, his brother came out. And she said, “What a breach you have made for yourself!” Therefore his name was called Perez. ³⁰Afterward his brother came out with the scarlet thread on his hand, and his name was called Zerah.

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.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

"All I Have is Christ"



1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the
 2. But as I ran my hell bound race in - diff erent to the
 3. Now, Lord I would be Yours a - lone, and live so all might



way. The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the
 cost, You looked up - on my help - less state and led me to the
 see the strength to fol - low Your commands could nev - er come from



grave. I had no hope that You would own a re - bel to Your
 cross. And I be - held God's love dis played; You suff - ered in my
 me. Oh Fa - ther use my ran - somed life in an - y way You



will, and if You had not loved me first, I would re - fuse You still.
 place. You bore the wrath re served for me, now all I know is grace.
 choose, and let my song for - ev - er be, "My on - ly boast is You."

CHORUS (after verses 2 & 3):



Hal - le - lu - ia! All I have is Christ! Hal - le -



lu - ia! Je - sus is my life!

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: August 29 - September 4, 2021**SUNDAY, August 29**

8:00 a.m. Gathered Worship
10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship
Youth Small Group Kickoff
Times vary by group
*(contact Sara Litten with any questions:
slitten@covpres.com)*

MONDAY, August 30

8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY, August 31

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Covenant Prayer Time (S100)
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, August 30 - September 5).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth & Children's Ministry Update. Even though we are not having Sunday School for a few weeks, our Children's and Youth Ministries staff have planned events during this time to maintain connections with our youngest members. Children's worship is available for ages 3 through kindergarten during the 10:30 service, and we are offering an "Open House" on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 for children to participate in a brief activity in the children's building and recite a memory verse for a goody! We have several other outdoor evening events planned in September as well. As for our youth students, small groups kick off today, Sr. High Bible Study begins on September 7, and Jr. High Bible Study begins on September 8. As always, our youth staff continues to connect one-on-one with students during the week. Children and youth parents, be on the lookout for details regarding all of these events!

Women's Bible Studies. We are planning for women's Bible studies to begin the week of September 12. We have several options on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and Sunday evenings. Please visit covpres.com/womens-bible-studies for all the details and to register.

Pray for Me. The vision of the Pray for Me Campaign is that every young person in the church would have a team of adult believers serving as their prayer champions. Once you sign up, we will match you with a 6th-12th grade student that you will commit to praying for throughout the 2021-2022 school year. Email Rachel Davis at shields.rachel.c@gmail.com to sign up and be paired with a student. Thank you for being willing to pray for our students!

Church-wide Memory Verse. Our new memory verse is Titus 3:4-8. We will be memorizing these verses as a church body now through November 27.

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but
according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal
of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ
our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs
according to the hope of eternal life. 8 The saying is trustworthy, and I want
you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may
be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent
and profitable for people.*

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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.

AUGUST READING PLAN

	PSALMS	1 CORINTHIANS
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31	<input type="checkbox"/> 146-148	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:12-31

SEPTEMBER READING PLAN

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