

# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Luther and Calvin read this biblical narrative as every Christian's story of faith...when one looks closely at the face of Jacob entangled in hand to hand combat with God, refusing to let go of His promises, Jacob's face appears uncannily like our own. The mysterious and enigmatic story of Genesis 32 is an invitation to the dangerous and gracious presence of God.

—Mark Gignilliat

"The omnipotent Creator could never be matched by a creature without condescension on the part of God. And that is what God did; he came down to the level of this fearful, doubting and deceitful patriarch."

—Glenn Kreider

I believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible...

—from The Nicene Creed

JULY 4, 2021 | 10:30 AM

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 75

Leader: We give thanks to you, O God;  
we give thanks, for your name is near.

All: *We recount your wondrous deeds.*

Leader: "At the set time that I appoint  
I will judge with equity.

All: *When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants,  
it is I who keep steady its pillars.*

Leader: I say to the boastful, 'Do not boast,'  
and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up your horn;  
do not lift up your horn on high,  
or speak with haughty neck.'"

All: *For not from the east or from the west  
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up,  
but it is God who executes judgment,  
putting down one and lifting up another.*

Leader: For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup  
with foaming wine, well mixed,  
and he pours out from it,  
and all the wicked of the earth  
shall drain it down to the dregs.

All: *But I will declare it forever;  
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.*

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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, 18513.

## PRAYER OF ADORATION


**HYMNS OF ADORATION**
**"Jesus Shall Reign"**


1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun  
 2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made,  
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue  
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns;  
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring



does His suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;  
 and prais - es throng to crown His head;  
 dwell on His love with sweet - est song;  
 the pris - oner leaps to lose his chains,  
 pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;



His king - dom stretch from shore to shore,  
 His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
 and in - fant voices shall proclaim  
 the wea - ry find eter - nal rest,  
 an - gels des - cend with songs a - gain,



till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
 and all the sons of want are blest.  
 and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Words: based on Psalm 72, Isaac Watts, 1719. Music: John Hatton, 1793.

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. CCLI 2570138.

**READING FROM THE PROPHETS**

Hosea 12:2-13:4

The LORD has an indictment against Judah  
and will punish Jacob according to his ways;  
he will repay him according to his deeds.

<sup>3</sup>In the womb he took his brother by the heel,  
and in his manhood he strove with God.

<sup>4</sup>He strove with the angel and prevailed;  
he wept and sought his favor.

He met God at Bethel,  
and there God spoke with us—

<sup>5</sup>the LORD, the God of hosts,  
the LORD is his memorial name:

<sup>6</sup>“So you, by the help of your God, return,  
hold fast to love and justice,  
and wait continually for your God.”

<sup>7</sup>A merchant, in whose hands are false balances,  
he loves to oppress.

<sup>8</sup>Ephraim has said, “Ah, but I am rich;  
I have found wealth for myself;  
in all my labors they cannot find in me iniquity or sin.”

<sup>9</sup>I am the LORD your God  
from the land of Egypt;  
I will again make you dwell in tents,  
as in the days of the appointed feast.

<sup>10</sup>I spoke to the prophets;  
it was I who multiplied visions,  
and through the prophets gave parables.

<sup>11</sup>If there is iniquity in Gilead,  
they shall surely come to nothing;  
in Gilgal they sacrifice bulls;  
their altars also are like stone heaps  
on the furrows of the field.

<sup>12</sup>Jacob fled to the land of Aram;  
there Israel served for a wife,  
and for a wife he guarded sheep.  
<sup>13</sup>By a prophet the LORD brought Israel up from Egypt,  
and by a prophet he was guarded.  
<sup>14</sup>Ephraim has given bitter provocation;  
so his Lord will leave his bloodguilt on him  
and will repay him for his disgraceful deeds.

<sup>13:1</sup>When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling;  
he was exalted in Israel,  
but he incurred guilt through Baal and died.

<sup>2</sup>And now they sin more and more,  
and make for themselves metal images,  
idols skillfully made of their silver,  
all of them the work of craftsmen.

It is said of them,

“Those who offer human sacrifice kiss calves!”

<sup>3</sup>Therefore they shall be like the morning mist  
or like the dew that goes early away,  
like the chaff that swirls from the threshing floor  
or like smoke from a window.

<sup>4</sup>But I am the LORD your God  
from the land of Egypt;  
you know no God but me,  
and besides me there is no savior.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty and most merciful Father,  
 We have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
 We have followed too much the devices and desires of our hearts.  
 We have rebelled against your holy laws.  
 We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
 And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
 Therefore we lack integrity.  
 Now, O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
 Spare those, O God, who confess their sins.  
 Restore those who are penitent;  
 According to your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
 And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;  
 That we may live godly, righteous, and sober lives  
 in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
 To the glory of your holy name, Amen*

## ❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
 and I did not cover my iniquity;  
 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
 and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.  
 — Psalm 32:5

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.



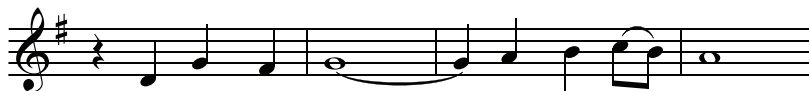
## 🎵 GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"As Moses Raised the Serpent Up (John 3:14-17)"

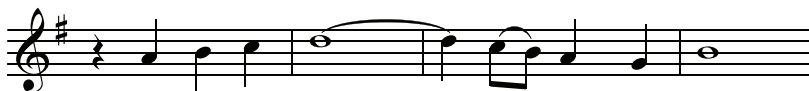
*Congregational Hymn*



1.As Mo - ses raised\_\_\_\_\_ the ser - pent up,  
2.For God so loved\_\_\_\_\_ the world He made,  
3.God did not send\_\_\_\_\_ Christ to the world



so must God's Son\_\_\_\_\_ be lift - ed\_ high;  
He gave His own\_\_\_\_\_ be - lov - ed\_ Son;  
that He might then\_\_\_\_\_ con - demn us\_ all,



that who - so - ev - er\_ will be - lieve  
all who be - lieve\_\_\_\_\_ in\_ Him will live -  
but that the world\_\_\_\_\_ by\_ Christ's own death



in Him may live\_\_\_\_\_ e - ter - nal - ly.  
not die, but live\_\_\_\_\_ for ev - er - more.  
might then be ran - somed from the\_ fall.

Words: John 3:14-17, versified by Marie J. Post. Music: O WALY WALY, English folk melody.

## ☒ 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

## READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Genesis 32:1-21

Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. <sup>2</sup>And when Jacob saw them he said, "This is God's camp!" So he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

<sup>3</sup>And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, <sup>4</sup>instructing them, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, 'I have sojourned with Laban and stayed until now. <sup>5</sup>I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.'"

<sup>6</sup>And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him." <sup>7</sup>Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, <sup>8</sup>thinking, "If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape."

<sup>9</sup>And Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,' <sup>10</sup>I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. <sup>11</sup>Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. <sup>12</sup>But you said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'"

<sup>13</sup>So he stayed there that night, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau, <sup>14</sup>two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, <sup>15</sup>thirty milking camels and their calves, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. <sup>16</sup>These he handed over to his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass on ahead of me and put a

space between drove and drove.”<sup>17</sup> He instructed the first, “When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, ‘To whom do you belong? Where are you going? And whose are these ahead of you?’<sup>18</sup> then you shall say, ‘They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a present sent to my lord Esau. And moreover, he is behind us.’”<sup>19</sup> He likewise instructed the second and the third and all who followed the droves, “You shall say the same thing to Esau when you find him,<sup>20</sup> and you shall say, ‘Moreover, your servant Jacob is behind us.’” For he thought, “I may appease him with the present that goes ahead of me, and afterward I shall see his face. Perhaps he will accept me.”<sup>21</sup> So the present passed on ahead of him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp.

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.*

Genesis 32:22-32

<sup>22</sup>The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

<sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” <sup>28</sup>Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.” <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

<sup>32</sup>Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip on the sinew of the thigh.

**MESSAGE**

*Robby Holt*

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## 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.*

### "Depth of Mercy"



1. Depth of mer - cy! Can there be mer - cy reach - ing  
2. Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that



e - ven me? God, the Just, His wrath for - bears,  
I have done. Let me now my sins de - plore,



me, the chief of sin - ners spares.  
look to You and sin no more.



So man - y times my heart has strayed from His kind and  
7 There, for me, the Sav - ior stands hold - ing forth His



per - fect ways, mak - ing clear my des - p'rate need  
wound - ed hands, scars which ev - er cry for me;



for His blood poured out for me.  
once con - demned but now set free.

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"His Mercy is More"



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; om -  
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us; His



ni - sient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum; thrown  
Fa - ther so ten - der is cal - ling us home? He  
blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our  
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;  
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.

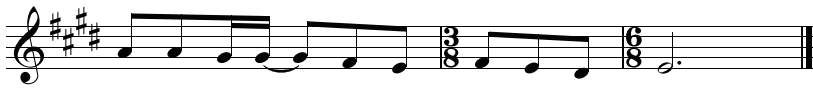
**CHORUS:**



Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - ery morn; our



sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more!

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**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: July 4 - July 10, 2021****SUNDAY, July 4**

10:30 a.m.

Gathered Worship

12:00 p.m.

Church Picnic (The Pit)

**MONDAY, July 5**Church Office closed in observance of  
Independence Day**WEDNESDAY, July 7**

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Covenant Prayer Time (\$100)

*Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, July 4 - 11).*

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church-wide Picnic.** Please join us today, immediately following gathered worship, for a church-wide picnic in the Youth pit area! There are bounce houses and slides for the kids and other yard game activities to enjoy. You don't want to miss this afternoon of fellowship!

**July/August Sunday School.** From July 11 through August 8, we are having Family Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. for all of our Sunday School Communities, including children's and youth classes (nursery care will be available, but there will be no separate children's and youth classes). We will be studying a number of passages from the Old Testament (see page 20) as we gather for joint Sunday School, spanning 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 Family 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" FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL



July 11 - August 8

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

## **THE GOLDEN CALF (WE BECOME WHAT WE WORSHIP)**

July 11 | Exodus 32

Focus: We all worship something, and  
we often start to look (and sound) like what we worship.

## **EHUD THE LEFT-HAND SUPER ASSASSIN (AND THE DUNG CAME OUT)**

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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2021

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2022

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John James

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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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Joseph Cascio

Richard Cox

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Bryan Flores

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Jeff Hayes

John Shults

Joe Strickland

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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

	<b>JOB</b>	<b>ACTS</b>
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
	<b>PSALMS</b>	
9	□ 2-3	□ 17:1-15
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