The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"As is frequently the case in biblical narratives, the words of Jacob at the beginning of this story foreshadow the final outcome of the events of the story. Sending his sons to Egypt, Jacob said, "Go down there... that we may live and not die" (cf. 45:2). Jacob's words also serve to align the deeds of Joseph with the larger themes of the Torah, namely, "life" and "death". In doing so, the events that follow are case as a narrative picture showing the way to return to the gift of life which was lost in the Garden."

-John Sailhamer

On the third day Joseph said to them, "Do this and you will live, for I fear God..."

-Genesis 42:18

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

-John 6:68-69

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 92:1-5

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

All: [It is good] to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

Leader: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

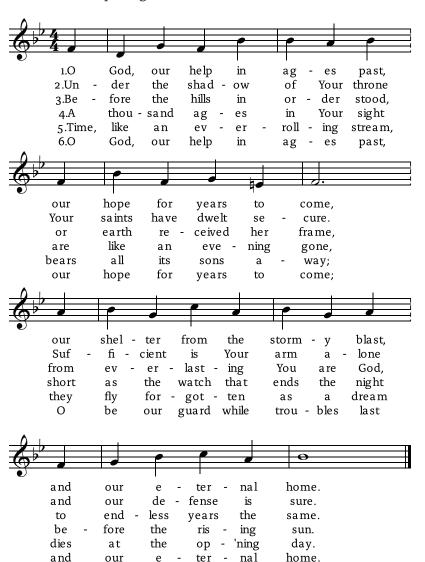
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

All: How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are very deep!

M PRAYER OF ADORATION

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"



Words: from Psalm 90; Isaac Watts, 1719. Music: ST. ANNE C.M.; attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727.

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.

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

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 14:1-14

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

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

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things,

Judge of all men;

We acknowledge and weep over our many sins and wickedness,

We have sinned by thought, word, and deed,

And we have done so against your divine majesty,

Justly provoking your anger and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent as we heartily grieve our many misdoings.

The remembrance of each is distressing to us;

The collective burden intolerable.

Have mercy upon us most merciful Father;

For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

Forgive us all that is past;

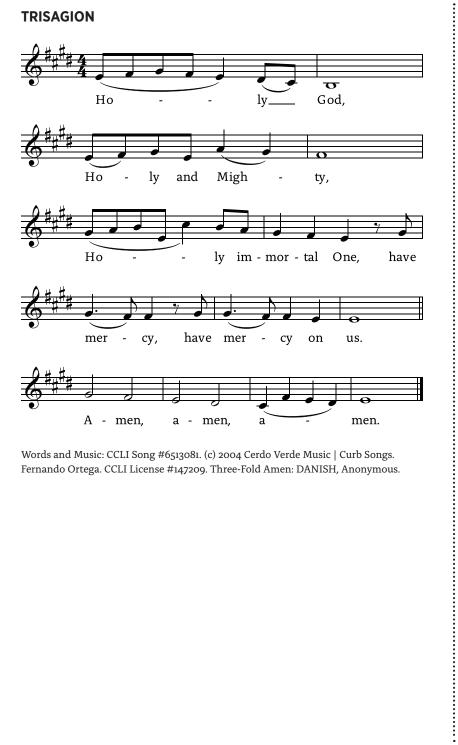
And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you

in newness of life,

To the honor and glory of your name;

 $Through \ Jesus \ Christ \ our \ Lord.$

TRISAGION



Words and Music: CCLI Song #6513081. (c) 2004 Cerdo Verde Music | Curb Songs. Fernando Ortega. CCLI License #147209. Three-Fold Amen: DANISH, Anonymous. The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

—from Galatians 1:3-4; 2:20

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.

M GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Arise My Soul Arise" Congregational Hymn

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 my soul 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.

10 M 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 9/1/2021) 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 42

When Jacob learned that there was grain for sale in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?" ²And he said, "Behold, I have heard that there is grain for sale in Egypt. Go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die." ³So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. ⁴But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his brothers, for he feared that harm might happen to him. ⁵Thus the sons of Israel came to buy among the others who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

⁶Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. ⁷Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. "Where do you come from?" he said. They said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food." ⁸And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. ⁹And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, "You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land." ¹⁰They said to him, "No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food. ¹¹We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies."

¹²He said to them, "No, it is the nakedness of the land that you have come to see." ¹³And they said, "We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more." ¹⁴But Joseph said to them, "It is as I said to you. You are spies. ¹⁵By this you shall be tested: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here. ¹⁶Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, while you remain confined, that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies." ¹⁷And he put them all together in custody for three days.

¹⁸On the third day Joseph said to them, "Do this and you will live, for I fear God: 19 if you are honest men, let one of your brothers remain confined where you are in custody, and let the rest go and carry grain for the famine of your households, 20 and bring your youngest brother to me. So your words will be verified, and you shall not die." And they did so. 21 Then they said to one another, "In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us." ²²And Reuben answered them, "Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood." ²³They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them. ²⁴Then he turned away from them and wept. And he returned to them and spoke to them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes. ²⁵And Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, and to replace every man's money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. This was done for them.

²⁶Then they loaded their donkeys with their grain and departed. ²⁷And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he saw his money in the mouth of his sack. ²⁸He said to his brothers, "My money has been put back; here it is in the mouth of my sack!" At this their hearts failed them, and they turned trembling to one another, saying, "What is this that God has done to us?"

²⁹When they came to Jacob their father in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them, saying, ³⁰"The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us and took us to be spies of the land. ³¹But we said to him, 'We are honest men; we have never been spies. ³²We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. One is no more, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.' ³³Then the man, the lord of the land, said to us, 'By this I shall know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain for the famine of your households, and go your way. ³⁴Bring your youngest brother to me. Then I shall know that you are not spies but honest men, and I will deliver your brother to you, and you shall trade in the land."

³⁵As they emptied their sacks, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack. And when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were afraid. ³⁶And Jacob their father said to them, "You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and now you would take Benjamin. All this has come against me." ³⁷Then Reuben said to his father, "Kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you." ³⁸But he said, "My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is the only one left. If harm should happen to him on the journey that you are to make, you would bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol."

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.

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MESSAGE		
John Fountain		

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.

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"



1.What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
2.What truth can calm the troub-led soul? God is good, God is good.
3.Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

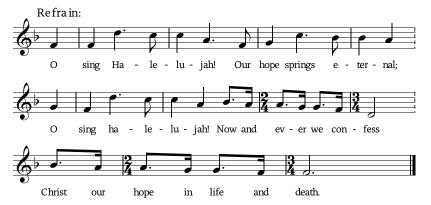


What is our on - ly con - fi- dence? That our souls to Him be-long. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood. and what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er-last - ing life with Him.



Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes a - part from His com mand? Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm-y trial? There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de stroyed,





Words and Music: Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa. CCLI # 7147502.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: September 26 - October 2, 2021

SUNDAY, September 26

8:00 a.m. Gathered Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages (see page 20)

10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship

4:00-5:00 p.m. 6th Grade Small Groups (Youth Rooms/Outside) 5:00-6:30 p.m. Jr & Sr. High Small Groups (Youth Rooms/Outside)

MONDAY, September 27

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

TUESDAY, September 28

6:30 - 7:15 a.m. Sr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship

(Fellowship Hall)

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Study: 1 & 2 Peter (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, September 29

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Covenant Prayer Time (S101) 5:30 - 7:15 p.m. Jr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)

5:30 - 7:15 p.m. Kid Connection (ages 3 - 5th grade; 3rd floor)

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Church-wide Study: A Joyfully Galvanizing

Missional Vision (E201)

6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Women's Study: Steadfast, A Study of James (E303)

6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Women's Study: 1 & 2 Peter (Tower Room)

discussion only

6:15 - 8:15 p.m. Women's Study: 1 & 2 Peter (E206)

lesson and discussion

THURSDAY, September 30

10:30 a.m. Enfold Book Discussion (Youth Room)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, September 27 - October 3).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion. We will resume communion during gathered worship on Sunday, October 3, in both services.

Wednesday Kid Connection. Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to Kid Connection on Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:15 p.m.! We will have games and activities and a time for worship and the Word. We can't wait to have children back on campus on Wednesday nights!

Church-wide Study. Everyone is invited to our Wednesday night Missions Study, A Joyfully Galvanizing Missional Vision, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in E201. We will meet each Wednesday through October 27. Nursery childcare is available by reservation only; email nursery@covpres.com. Please email Phyllis Hamm at phamm@covpres.com if you plan to attend.

Enfold Book Discussion. Please join Enfold Disability Ministry for a 6-week book discussion. We will read and discuss "Mental Health and the Church" by Stephen Grcevich, MD. This book thinks through ideas and solutions to helping remove barriers that those facing mental health concerns may face. We will meet on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Room from September 30-November 4. Email Katie at kflores@covpres.com to let her know you are coming.

Rooted Conference 2021. Parents of teens are invited to Rooted 2021 on October 7-9, hosted by Cathedral Church of the Advent. Rooted equips and empowers churches and parents to disciple teenagers to lifelong faith in Jesus Christ. There is an incredible line up of speakers this year, including Robby Holt, with topics including: How the Gospel Free Teens from the Pressure to Perform; Can't We Just Go Back to "The Breakfast Club"; and Gospel Formation in an Instant Gratification Culture. Join us for worship, fellowship, speakers, and workshops! Covenant members receive a \$10 discount with code COV. Register at rooted-conference.com.

Discover Covenant Class. Our next Discover Covenant class is October 15-17. Come and learn about our church and what it means to become a member. We will meet for three sessions: Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, and Sunday during Sunday School (9:15-10:15 a.m.). Nursery care (ages 5 and under) will be provided for each session. Participants are taken through all of the information about Covenant membership and are provided ample opportunities to ask questions and discuss beliefs. Please register at covpres.com/new-members.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Directional signs are located around the church.

CROSSPOINTE | Fellowship Hall Young families; 30s

THRESHOLD | E301 Singles, college, students, and

young marrieds; 20s and 30s

(Pastor: Josh Johnson)

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

OPEN DOORS &

UPPER ROOM | S101 *60s, 70s, and above*

(Pastor: Marty Crawford)

CORNERSTONE | S100 3os and early 4os

FOUNDATIONS | DINING ROOM 40s and 50s

LIGHTHOUSE | E304 3os and 4os

(Pastor: David Driskill)

LIVING STONES | E303 late 40s, 50s, and early 60s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 50s and 60s

(Pastor: Dan Edwards)

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

(Pastor: John Fountain)

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Darrell Tucker

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.

SEPTEMBER READING PLAN					
	ISAIAH	GALATIANS			
25/26	□ 7-1 1	□ 6-Ephesians 1			
		EPHESIANS			
27	□ 12-14	□ 2			
28	□ 15-17	□ 3			
29	□ 18-20	□ 4			
30	□ 21-23	□ 5			
OCTOBER READING PLAN					
1	□ 24-26	□ 6			
		PHILIPPIANS			
2/3	□ 27-30	□ 1-2			
4	□ 31-32	□ 3			
5	□ 33-34	□ 4			
		COLOSSIANS			
6	□ 35-37	□ 1:1-2:5			
7	□ 38-40	□ 2:6-3:17			
8	□ 41-42	□ 3:18-4:18			
		1 THESSALONIANS			
9/10	□ 43-48	□ 1:1-2:12			
11	□ 49-50	□ 2:13-3:5			
12	□ 51-53	□ 3:6-13			
13	□ 54-55	□ 4			
14	□ 56-68	□ 5			
		2 THESSALONIANS			
15	□ 59-61	□1			
16/17	□ 62-66	□ 2-3			
	JEREMIAH	1 TIMOTHY			
18	□ 1-3	□1			
19	□ 4-5	□ 2			
20	□ 6-7	□ 3			
21	□ 8-9	□ 4			
22	□ 10-11	□ 5:1-6:2a			
23/24	□ 12-15	□ 6:2b-2 Timothy 1			
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25	□ 16-17	□ 2			
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28	□ 24-26	□1			
29	□ 27-28	□ 2			
30/31	□ 29-34	□ 3-Philemon			

