# The Lord's Day in Worship

#### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eastertide April 28, 2019

"Grace proves irresistible because it destroys the disposition to resist." —J. I. Packer

"Holy Scripture is no mother or nurse of doubt; it is the creator of a holy confidence by revealing a sure line of fact and truth."

—C. H. Spurgeon

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marty Crawford

Psalm 65:1-5

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hear prayer, to you all flesh shall come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation.

### M HYMN OF PRAISE

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand And cast a wishful eye To Canaan's fair and happy land Where my possession lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains Shines one eternal day; There God the Son forever reigns And scatters night away.

#### Chorus:

I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling wind or poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore Where sickness, sorrow, pain, and death Are felt and feared no more. (Chorus)

When shall I see that happy place And be forever blest? When shall I see my Father's face And in his bosom rest? (Chorus, twice)

Words: Samuel Stennett, 1787. Music: Christopher Miner, 1997; arr. by Belmont RUF.

### **READING FROM THE PROPHETS**

Jack Gray

Isaiah 54:1-10

"Sing, O barren one, who did not bear;
break forth into singing and cry aloud,
you who have not been in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than the children of her who is married," says the LORD.

2"Enlarge the place of your tent,
and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out;

do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.

<sup>3</sup>For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities.

<sup>4</sup>"Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

 ${}^{\scriptscriptstyle 5}\text{For your Maker}$  is your husband,

the LORD of hosts is his name;

and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

 $^{6}\mbox{For the LORD}$  has called you

like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit,

like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God.

<sup>7</sup>For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you.

<sup>8</sup>In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you,

but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer.

9"This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you.

<sup>10</sup>For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,

but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

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

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### **MATERIAL PROPERTION**

#### READING FROM ROMANS

Ellie Gray

Romans 5:1-8

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

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

### M HYMN OF INVITATION

"Come Ye Sinners"

Come, ye sinners poor and wretched, Weak and wounded sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity joined with power: He is able, He is able, He is willing doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh,
Without money, without money,
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all:
Not the righteous, not the righteous
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need of Him; This He gives you, this He gives you; 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The incarnate God ascendeth, Pleads the merit of His blood; Venture on Him, venture wholly, Let no other trust intrude: None but Jesus, none but Jesus, Can do helpless sinners good.

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### **GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS**

"Jesus With Thy Church Abide" Congregational Hymn

Jesus, with Thy church abide; Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide, While on earth her faith is tried:
We beseech Thee, hear us, We beseech Thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure; Grant her patience to endure, Trusting in Thy promise sure: We beseech Thee, hear us, We beseech Thee, hear us.

#### Women:

May she one in doctrine be, One in truth and charity, Winning all to faith in Thee: We beseech Thee, hear us, We beseech Thee, hear us.

#### Men:

May she guide the poor and blind, Seek the lost until she find And the brokenhearted bind: We beseech Thee, hear us, We beseech Thee, hear us.

#### A11:

Save her love from growing cold, Make her watchmen strong and bold, Fence her round, thy peaceful fold; We beseech Thee, hear us, We beseech Thee, hear us.

May her lamp of truth be bright, Bid her bear aloft its light Through the realms of heathen night: We beseech Thee, hear us, We beseech Thee, hear us.

Words: Thomas Pollock. Music: Christopher Mine.

### **RECOGNITION OF SENIORS**

John Fountain

Thomas Palmer Anderson

Charles Garrison Cherry

Dorothy Collins Couch

Kevin Luke Couch

Nikolay (Kolya) Joseph Edwards

Ellie James Gray

Jack Baskin Gray

Elijah Preston Gurner

James (Jim) Randal Haines

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Millard Hill

Mary Sanders James

Nathaniel (Nate) Patrick Nailen

Phillip Manuel Peterson

Noah Posner Smith

Margaret James Stephens

Thompson Banks Robinson

Camryn Leanne Vivien

Samuel (Sam) Harder Warren

Daniel Franklin Wilson

Madeleine Chappell Yates

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

| Christ is Risen!     |
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| He is Risen, indeed! |
| Hallelujah!          |
| Hallelujah!          |

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

### **Children's Worship Information**

Children ages 3 to 4 may attend Children's Worship for the entire worship service, while kindergarteners through 2nd graders are dismissed during the Passing of the Peace. Following the worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

3K & 4K • C221 (available for the entire worship hour)
Kindergarten • C221 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)\*
1st - 2nd Grade • C316 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)\*

\*Children on the main level will dismiss through the door leading into the Fellowship Hall, and children in the balcony will dismiss through the door closest to the elevator.

### **MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 21.

### **RECOGNITION OF RUF STAFF**

Austin Braasch Campus Minister, Arkansas State University

> Joe Crews Intern, Auburn University

Walt Davis Campus Minister, Samford University

George Hamm
Campus Minister, University of Louisville

Josh Harper *Intern, UAB* 

Daniel Hightower
Campus Minister, Jacksonville State University

Joe Johnson Campus Minister, Birmingham Southern

Matt Terrell
Campus Minister, City Campus (NYC)

Daniel Tortorici
Intern, University of South Carolina

#### SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Will Brooke

### THE MORNING PRAYERS

Heath Henderson

### M READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 20:24-29

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

"Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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**

| 'A GRACE THAT DESTROYS DOUBTS" |
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| Austin Braasch                 |
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### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

John Fountain

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**

Eternal God, who deserves all of our trust, adoration, and praise, and in Whom we are to find our fullness of joy, we sorrowfully confess that we often doubt your goodness, and we question your covenant faithfulness to us instead of trusting in Your sovereign care over all things. We approach you with a contrite and repentant heart, we plead for your mercy and forgiveness of our sin that we may once again have faith in Your perfect promises and serve you and our neighbors with a holy confidence only by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, both now and forevermore, Amen

### M Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

### —Hebrews 10:19-22

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.

#### **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 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.

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.

# "Open Our Eyes"





Words and Music: Bruce Benedict and Zachary Hicks.

#### "We Will Feast"

### Refrain:

We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things,"
We will say together,
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God. We are not consumed by the flood, Upheld, protected, gathered up. (Refrain)

In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength.
(Refrain)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together, bring shalom. (Refrain)

Words: American folk hymn. Music: The Southern Harmony, 1835.

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

### **BENEDICTION**

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: April 28 - May 4, 2019

SUNDAY, April 28

8:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages

(see page 22 for details)

10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | 3 years through 2nd grade

12:00 p.m. College Sunday School and Lunch

5:00 p.m. Congregational Prayer Time (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY, April 29

8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Ingram Link's office)

**TUESDAY, April 30** 

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

WEDNESDAY, May 1

6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, May 3 - Junior High Spring Retreat

**SUNDAY, May 5** (Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center)

### **MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Guest Music Minister.** Please welcome our guest music minister, Wen Reagan. Wen is Visiting Assistant Professor of Music and Worship at Samford University, where he teaches courses on church music, worship leadership, and the theology and history of worship. He also serves as Associate Director for the Center for Worship and the Arts, where he cultivates resources for corporate worship, guides strategic partnerships and programs with local congregations, and helps develop research at the intersection of youth ministry studies and worship studies.

Creatif Artist Reception and Book Signing. Please join us Sunday, May 5, immediately following our gathered worship service for a luncheon reception in the commons area/dining room to celebrate our newest featured Creatif artist, Kathryn Trotter and the release of Joan Kendall's book, Secrets on Saulter Road! Creatif, Covenant's Art Series from our art guild, is excited to host this event to celebrate two of our talented church members. Joan will be signing her book and sharing about her journey and writing process, and Kathryn will share about her paintings and creative process as well. Please join us as we celebrate God, the Creator, and the creativity He has given to these two women and how they are living out those gifts!

**Congregational Prayer Time.** Our next time of congregational prayer is tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join with us as we pray for our church family, leadership, staff, ministries, and community. All ages are welcome!

**Mother's Day Photos.** On Sunday, May 12, our youth ministry will be set up to take photos of you and your family! You can sign up for a time slot at covpresyouth.com, and walk-ups are also welcome. There is a \$10 suggested donation for the photo, and we will also have flowers in mason jars and CovPres coffee mugs available for purchase. All proceeds will go toward the youth missions trip to Oregon this summer.

**All Women's Choir.** All women and girls are invited to sing in the choir on Sunday morning, May 12. Please gather in the choir loft at 9:45 for a brief rehearsal. We look forward to hearing Covenant women of all ages lift their voices in praise to our Lord!

# SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

### 9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

**COLLEGE** | DINING ROOM\* College students

**COMMUNITY** | E305 All ages and life stages

**CORNERSTONE** | S104 30s and 40s

**CROSSPOINTE** | S100 20s and 30s

**FOUNDATIONS** | E304 30s and 40s

**LIGHTHOUSE** | E301 3os and 4os

**LIVING STONES** | E303 40s and 50s

**KINGDOM BUILDERS** | E201 50s and 60s

**OPEN DOORS** | S105 *70s and above* 

**THRESHOLD** | DINING ROOM Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

**YOUTH** | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

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### **RULING ELDERS**

2019 2020 2021 Bill Bennett

Eric Getty Ty Dedmon Jeff Dyess Will Brooke Russell Martin Rick Flynn Daniel Murray Michael Latta Warren Norville Heath Henderson Charlie Logan Tom McKnight Paul Loyless Sandy Stradtman

John Smith T Bob Schaffeld Clay Wheeler Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard

> Steve Stigler Mark Taylor John Wood

### **DEACONS**

2021 2019 2020

Nick Baggett Jim Bennett Tripp Alexander Ward Bailey Paul Darden Gary Gorham Samuel Bragg Jay Evans Keith Harrelson Trey Clegg Bryan Flores Jeff Hayes Will Graham John Gant Steve Killgore Jeff Hicks Steve Pfitzer John David Gray Jim Jenkins Marty Martin Brent Powell Alan Spooner Bud Miller Matt Searson Patrick Strong Tyler O'Connor John Shank

John Shults

Todd Sitton Danny Smith William Slappey Robert Stephens Billy Tapscott Clark Worrell Darrell Tucker

### **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 2019.

#### **APRIL READING PLAN**

|                  | 2 SAMUEL | LUKE          |  |
|------------------|----------|---------------|--|
| 27/28            | □ 17-20  | □ 21          |  |
| 29               | □ 21-22  | □ 22:1-30     |  |
| 30               | □ 23-24  | □ 22:31-53    |  |
| MAY READING PLAN |          |               |  |
|                  | 1 KINGS  |               |  |
| 1                | □ 1-2    | □ 22:54-71    |  |
| 2                | □ 3-5    | □ 23:1-25     |  |
| 3                | □ 6-7    | □ 23:26-43    |  |
| 4/5              | □ 8-11   | □ 23:44-24:35 |  |
| 6                | □ 12-13  | □ 24:36-53    |  |
|                  |          | JOHN          |  |
| 7                | □ 14-15  | □ 1:1-28      |  |
| 8                | □ 16-18  | □ 1:29-51     |  |
| 9                | □ 19-20  | □ 2           |  |
| 10               | □ 21-22  | □ 3:1-21      |  |
|                  | 2 KINGS  |               |  |
| 11/12            | □ 1-5    | □ 3:22-4:30   |  |
| 13               | □ 6-7    | □ 4:31-54     |  |
| 14               | □ 8-10   | □ 5:1-24      |  |
| 15               | □ 11-13  | □ 5:25-47     |  |
| 16               | □ 14-16  | □ 6:1-21      |  |
| 17               | □ 17-19  | □ 6:22-51     |  |
| 18/19            | □ 20-25  | □ 6:52-7:31   |  |
| 1 CHRONICLES     |          |               |  |
| 20               | □ 1-2    | □ 7:32-53     |  |
| 21               | □ 3-5    | □ 8:1-20      |  |
| 22               | □ 6-7    | □ 8:21-38     |  |
| 23               | □ 8-10   | □ 8:39-59     |  |
| 24               | □ 11-13  | □ 9:1-23      |  |
| 25/26            | □ 14-19  | □ 9:24-10:21  |  |
| 27               | □ 20-22  | □ 10:22-42    |  |
| 28               | □ 23-25  | □ 11:1-16     |  |
| 29               | □ 26-27  | □ 11:17-44    |  |
| 30               | □ 28-29  | □ 11:45-57    |  |
| 2 CHRONICLES     |          |               |  |
| 31               | □ 1-3    | □ 12:1-19     |  |
|                  |          |               |  |