

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



EASTERTIDE | MAY 29, 2022 | 10:30 AM

"So as we read Exodus 20-23, we not only try to understand what it should have meant for Israel to live in obedience to these God-given guidelines for their life as God's people in their particular historical and cultural context in the first millennium BC, but we must also ask how the principles, values, and priorities we can discern therein should inform our own calling to the ethical dimensions of 'the obedience of faith' at the beginning of the AD third millennium."

—Chris Wright

"The odd insistence of the God of Sinai is to counter anxious productivity with committed neighborliness. The latter practice does not produce so much; but it creates an environment of security and respect and dignity that redefines the human project."

—Walter Brueggemann

"Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word."

—Psalm 119:17

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Marty Crawford

☒ RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 66:1-5

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!

All: *"How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.*

Leader: All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name."

All: *Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.*

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

☒ HYMNS OF ADORATION

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"



1. Give to our God im - mor - tal__ praise;
2. He built the earth, He__ spread the__ sky,
3. He fills the sun with_ morn - ing__ light;
4. He sent His Son with_ pow'r to__ save




mer - cy and truth are all His ways;
and fixed the star - ry lights on high:
He bids the moon di - rect the night;
from guilt and dark - ness and the grave;



won - ders of grace to__ God_ be - long;
won - ders of grace to__ God_ be - long;
His mer - cies ev - er__ shall_ en - dure,
won - ders of grace to__ God_ be - long;



re - peat His mer - cies in your song.
re - peat His mer - cies in your song.
when suns and moons shall shine no more.
re - peat His mer - cies in your song.

 "O Father You are Sovereign"

O Father You are sovereign
In all the worlds You made;
Your mighty Word was spoken,
And light and life obeyed;
Your voice commands the seasons,
And bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses,
And stills the tempest's roar.

O Father You are sovereign
In all affairs of man;
No powers of death or darkness
Can thwart Your perfect plan;
All chance and change transcending,
Supreme in time and space;
You hold Your trusting children
Secure in Your embrace.

O Father You are sovereign,
We see You dimly now;
But soon before Your triumph,
Earth's every knee shall bow;
With this glad hope before us,
Our faith springs up anew;
Our Sovereign Lord and Savior,
We trust and worship You.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Lord Jesus Christ,
Mercifully cleanse us from all sin,
And continually keep us in your favor and love;
You, who gave your life for us that we might receive pardon and peace
and who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end. Amen.*

❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

—Hebrews 9:34

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

"Come Ye Sinners Poor And Needy "
Congregational Hymn

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)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed!

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 pad in your pew and pass it down.

Children's Worship. 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 worship to join their parents for communion.

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

Exodus 20:22-21:32

And Yahweh said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: 'You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven. ²³You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. ²⁴An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. ²⁵If you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones, for if you wield your tool on it you profane it. ²⁶And you shall not go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed on it.'

^{21:1}"Now these are the rules that you shall set before them. ²When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing. ³If he comes in single, he shall go out single; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him. ⁴If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out alone. ⁵But if the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,' ⁶then his master shall bring him to God, and he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall be his slave forever.

⁷"When a man sells his daughter as a slave, she shall not go out as the male slaves do. ⁸If she does not please her master, who has designated her for himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He shall have no right to sell her to a foreign people, since he has broken faith with her. ⁹If he designates her for his son, he shall deal with her as with a daughter. ¹⁰If he takes another wife to himself, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, or her marital rights. ¹¹And if he does not do these three things for her, she shall go out for nothing, without payment of money.

¹²“Whoever strikes a man so that he dies shall be put to death. ¹³But if he did not lie in wait for him, but God let him fall into his hand, then I will appoint for you a place to which he may flee. ¹⁴But if a man willfully attacks another to kill him by cunning, you shall take him from my altar, that he may die.

¹⁵“Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death.

¹⁶“Whoever steals a man and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death.

¹⁷“Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death.

¹⁸“When men quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist and the man does not die but takes to his bed, ¹⁹then if the man rises again and walks outdoors with his staff, he who struck him shall be clear; only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall have him thoroughly healed.

²⁰“When a man strikes his slave, male or female, with a rod and the slave dies under his hand, he shall be avenged. ²¹But if the slave survives a day or two, he is not to be avenged, for the slave is his money.

²²“When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. ²³But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, ²⁴eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

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.

²⁶“When a man strikes the eye of his slave, male or female, and destroys it, he shall let the slave go free because of his eye. ²⁷If he knocks out the tooth of his slave, male or female, he shall let the slave go free because of his tooth.

²⁸“When an ox gores a man or a woman to death, the ox shall be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten, but the owner of the ox shall not be liable. ²⁹But if the ox has been accustomed to gore in the past, and its owner has been warned but has not kept it in, and it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned, and its owner also shall be put to death. ³⁰If a ransom is imposed on him, then he shall give for the redemption of his life whatever is imposed on him. ³¹If it gores a man's son or daughter, he shall be dealt with according to this same rule. ³²If the ox gores a slave, male or female, the owner shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Congregation, please read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Words of Institution

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

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

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.
And 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 Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the 'whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

(Chorus, twice)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

(Chorus, twice)

Verse:



He who tes - ti - fies to these things says,

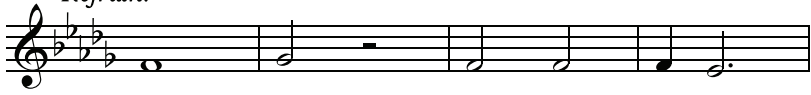


"Sure - ly I am com - ing_ soon."



"Sure - ly I am com - ing_ soon."_

Refrain:



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus!



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus, _ come!

Bridge:



The grace of_ the Lord Je - sus be with all.



The grace of_ the Lord Je - sus be with all.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: May 29 - June 5, 2022**SUNDAY, May 29**

10:30 a.m.

Gathered Worship

MONDAY, May 30Church Office closed in observance of
Memorial Day**WEDNESDAY, June 1**

10:00 a.m.

Church-wide Prayer Time (101)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (John Fountain, May 30 - June 5).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Assembly in Birmingham. We're excited that our denomination's General Assembly will be in Birmingham June 21–24! That means all the PCA churches in our city get to come together to serve ministry leaders from all around the world. We are seeking volunteers to help with everything from registration to ushering to children's and youth events. Sign up at covpres.com!

June Sunday School. We will be combining our adult Sunday School communities for the month of June during our Sunday School hour. Please see page 20 or covpres.com for information on which classes will be combined and where those classes are meeting.

Summer Choir. Come try the choir this summer! On June 12 and July 24, we will have a pop-up choir for the 10:30 service. Just show up in the Sanctuary at 9:55 for a read-through of the hymns. The choir will then lead the opening hymns and be dismissed during the Passing of the Peace. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Women's Summer Studies. We have a number of Summer Studies coming up:

- Seek First on Mondays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., in May and June.
- The Covenant Life on Sundays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (podcast and book study) in June.
- Breathe: The Life Giving Oxygen of the Lord's Prayer on Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (childcare and children's lesson included) in June and July. Ladies who are not coming with children are welcome to join us for lunch from 11:00 - 12:00 or join us at noon.
- Read It, See It, Say It, Sing It: Knowing and Loving God's Word on Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., five weeks in June, July, and August.

Visit covpres.com/womens-bible-studies for details and registration.

Women's Summer Salad Suppers. Summer Salad Suppers are a time of food, fellowship, and hearing from our Covenant sisters about how God is working in their lives. We have three suppers scheduled—June 8, 15, and 29—at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons/Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$8 per supper, and you can RSVP at covpres.com/summer-salad-suppers.

Church-wide Memory Verse. Our scripture memory for the Eastertide (April 17 - June 5) is 1 Corinthians 15:20-22.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

We are combining these classes for the month of June.

KING'S TABLE (30s)

COMMUNITY (*all ages and life stages*)

301

THRESHOLD

(singles, college students, young marrieds; 20s and 30s)

LIGHTHOUSE (*late 30s to early 50s*)

304

LIVING STONES (*late 40s to late 50s*)

CORNERSTONE (*late 30s to late 40s*)

104

CROSSPOINTE (*mid 30s to mid 40s*)

OPEN DOORS & UPPER ROOM (*late 60s and above*)

100

FOUNDATIONS (*early 40s to early 50s*)

KINGDOM BUILDERS (*late 40s to late 60s*)

201

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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 2022.

MAY READING PLAN

28/29	1 CHRONICLES □ 24-29	JOHN □ 11:45-12:36a
30	2 CHRONICLES □ 1-3	□ 12:36b-50
31	□ 4-6	□ 13:1-20

JUNE READING PLAN

1	□ 7-9	□ 13:21-14:14
2	□ 10-12	□ 14:15-31
3	□ 13-15	□ 15:1-17
4/5	□ 16-20	□ 15:18-16:15
6	□ 21-23	□ 16:16-33
7	□ 24-27	□ 17
8	□ 28-30	□ 18
9	□ 31-33	□ 19:1-16a
10	□ 34-36	□ 19:16b-42
	EZRA	
11/12	□ 1-5	□ 20:1-21:14
13	□ 6-7	□ 21:15-Acts 1:11
		ACTS
14	□ 8-10	□ 1:12-2:13
	NEHEMIAH	
15	□ 1-3	□ 2:14-41
16	□ 4-5	□ 2:42-3:10
17	□ 6-8	□ 3:11-4:22
18/19	□ 9-Esther 1	□ 4:23-5:11
	ESTHER	
20	□ 2-4	□ 5:12-32
21	□ 5-6	□ 5:33-6:7
22	□ 7-9	□ 6:8-7:22
23	□ 10-Job 2	□ 7:23-34
	JOB	
24	□ 3-6	□ 7:35-8:3
25/26	□ 7-11	□ 8:4-25
27	□ 12-14	□ 8:26-9:9
28	□ 15-17	□ 9:10-31
29	□ 18-20	□ 9:32-10:8
30	□ 21-23	□ 10:9-48

SERMON RESOURCES

Our pastors are using the following resources as they study and prepare for their sermons.

Exodus, T. Desmond Alexander

The Gospel of Exodus, Michael P. V. Barrett

The God who Makes Himself Known, W. Ross Blackburn

Exodus Old and New, L. Michael Morales

The Message of Exodus, J. A. Motyer

Exploring Exodus, Nahum M. Sarna

From Bondage to Liberty, Anthony T. Selvaggio

Exodus, Christopher J. H. Wright

ESV Study Bible

Lexham English Translation

NIV Study Bible

HYMN CREDITS

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

Words: Isaac Watts. Music: DUKE STREET; John Hatton.

"O Father You are Sovereign"

Words: Margaret Clarkson. Music: Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615 (ST THEODULPH).

"Come Ye Sinners Poor And Needy"

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

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

Words: Edward Mote, 1834. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863.

"Revelation 22:20-21"

Words: Revelation 22:20-21. Music: Adam Wright. ©2020 Corner Room Music.

