

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Many people go through horrendous experiences without being transformed by them. What changed Jacob was the gracious initiative of God, who came once again seeking the lost sinner...in the midst of personal and family chaos, God graciously spoke to him, calling him back to himself...Left to ourselves, our hearts are cold as ice toward God. We rapidly slide into compromise and embrace the attractions of false goals and idols."

–Ian Duguid

I believe in...one Lord Jesus Christ...

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

"The whole earth is at rest and quiet;
they break forth into singing."

–Isaiah 14:7

JULY 25, 2021 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 96:1, 7-13

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

*All: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!*

Leader: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

*All: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!*

Leader: Then shall all the trees of the forest
sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

 **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

 *Congregation stand as able.*

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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.

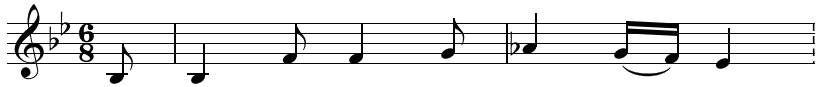
Praise to the Lord Who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth;
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yes so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth.

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.

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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.

 "Come Praise and Glorify (Ephesians 1:3-14)"


1. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God,
 2. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God,
 3. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God,



the Fa - ther of our Lord.
 who gives His grace in Christ.
 for we've be - lieved the Word.



In Christ, He has in heav'n - ly realms
 In Him our sins are washed a - way,
 And through our faith we have a seal,



His bless - ings on us poured.
 re - deemed through sac - ri - fice.
 the Spir - it of the Lord.



For pure and blame - less in His sight
 In Him God has made known to us
 The Spir - it guar - an - tees our hope



He des - tined us to be,
 the mys - t'ry of His will,
 un - til re - demp - tion's done,



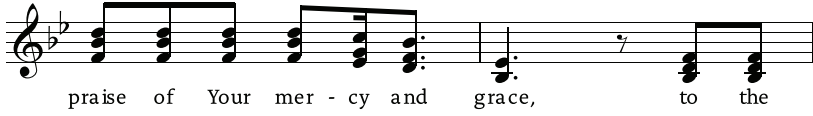
And now we've been a - dopt - ed through
 That Christ should be the head of all,
 Un - til we join in end - less praise



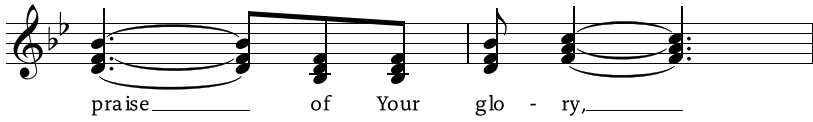
His Son e - ter - nal - ly,
 His pur - pose to ful - fill,
 to God, the Three in One



To the praise of Your glo - ry, to the



praise of Your mer - cy and grace, to the



praise of Your glo - ry,



You are the God who saves!

B \flat

Words and Music: Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 6:26-31

“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets. ²⁷“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bles those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*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. Amen.*

✻ TRISAGION

Ho - - ly God,

3 Ho - ly and Migh - ty,

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

7 mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega. (c) 2004 Cerdo Verde Music | Curb Songs.
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☒ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

 **GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS**

"Galatians 2:20"

Congregational Hymn



I have been cru - ci - fied with_ Christ.



It is no long - er I who_ live,



but Christ who lives in me,



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 Him - self for me.

Words: Galatians 2:20. Music: Adam Wright.

☒ 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 35:1-15

God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau." ²So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments. ³Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone." ⁴So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears. Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree that was near Shechem.

⁵And as they journeyed, a terror from God fell upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. ⁶And Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him, ⁷and there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel, because there God had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother. ⁸And Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried under an oak below Bethel. So he called its name Allon-bacuth.

⁹God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. ¹⁰And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name." So he called his name Israel. ¹¹And God said to him, "I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body. ¹²The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you." ¹³Then God went up from him in the place where he had spoken with him. ¹⁴And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he had spoken with him, a pillar of stone. He poured out a drink offering on it and poured oil on it. ¹⁵So Jacob called the name of the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

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.

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.

"Have Mercy"



1,3. Have mer - cy on me.
2. Oh, help my un - be - lief.



Have mer - cy on me.
Oh, help my un - be - lief.



O Lord, have mer - cy.



O Lord, have mer - cy.

Words and Music: Sandra McCracken, Thad Cockrell.

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

I will sing of my Redeemer
And his wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross he suffered,
From the curse to set me free.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story,
How my lost estate to save,
In his boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave.
I will praise my dear Redeemer,
His triumphant power I'll tell:
How the victory he gives me
Over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my Redeemer
And his heavenly love for me;
He from death to life has brought me,
Son of God, with him to be.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.

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On the cross he sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.

Words: Philip P. Bliss. Music: James McGranahan.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: July 25 - 31, 2021**SUNDAY, July 25**

8:00 a.m.

Gathered Worship

9:15 a.m.

All Covenant Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 a.m.

Gathered Worship

**MONDAY, July 26 -
THURSDAY, July 29**

Jr. High Mystery Trip

WEDNESDAY, July 28

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 (John Fountain, July 26 - August 1).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enfold Ministry Update: Kulture City. Through our Enfold Disability Ministry we seek to help people affected by disability participate fully in the life of the church and help remove any barriers a person may have in growing in the Lord and in fellowship with other believers. One way we have done this is to become certified by Kulture City, an organization that focuses on sensory accessibility and inclusion. One in six individuals has a sensory processing need, and Kulture City has helped us gain tools to welcome these people well. We have new signs hanging up to help all of us at Covenant know where these tools are located, as well as designated areas of our building to help make people comfortable. Please share this information with anyone you know who would benefit from these tools while on our campus.

Stewards of Children Training. Steve Collins, the founder and Executive Director of Adults Protecting Children, is coming to Covenant Saturday, August 21, 9:00-11:30 a.m., to lead us through *Stewards of Children* training and encourage us in how this applies to our ministries at Covenant. Adults Protecting Children is committed to training adults in how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to the sexual abuse of children. One in ten children will experience sexual abuse before their 18th birthday. As a member of our community, it is highly likely that someone you know or care for has experienced, or is currently experiencing, child sexual abuse. For this reason, this training is for EVERYONE at Covenant over the age of 14, and we strongly encourage you to attend. Please register at covpres.com.

July/August Sunday School. Each Sunday through August 8 we are having All-Covenant Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. for all of our Sunday School Communities, including children and youth (nursery care is available; children's and youth classes are not meeting separately). We are studying a number of passages from the Old Testament (see page 20). Everyone is invited to participate in our All-Covenant Sunday School on Sunday mornings!

Scripture Memory. Our church-wide memory passage is Titus 2:11-14. We will be memorizing these verses through August 8. Pick up a memory verse card pack in the Sanctuary foyer to help you memorize our verses!

"ONE-ANOTHERING"

ALL COVENANT SUNDAY SCHOOL



July 11 - August 8

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

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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2022

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John Hamilton

Mark Hogewood

John James

David O'Dell

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

Tripp Alexander

Joseph Cascio

Richard Cox

Jay Evans

Bryan Flores

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Jeff Hayes

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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

	JOB	ACTS
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
	PSALMS	
9	□ 2-3	□ 17:1-15
10/11	□ 4-9	□ 17:16-34
12	□ 10-12	□ 18
13	□ 13-15	□ 19
14	□ 16-18	□ 20:1-16
15	□ 19-22	□ 20:17-38
16	□ 23-24	□ 21:1-16
17/18	□ 25-29	□ 21:17-36
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20	□ 33-35	□ 23:12-35
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22	□ 39-41	□ 25
23	□ 42-43	□ 26
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26	□ 50-52	□ 27:33-28:10
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		ROMANS
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