# The Lord's Day in Worship

#### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity October 6, 2019

"Are you not thirsty?" said the Lion

"I'm dying of thirst," said Jill.

"Then drink," said the Lion.

"May I—could I—would you mind going away while I do?" said Jill.

The Lion answered this only by a look and a very low growl. And as Jill gazed at its motionless bulk, she realized that she might as well have asked the whole mountain to move aside for her convenience.

The delicious rippling noise of the stream was driving her nearly frantic.

"Will you promise not to—do anything to me, if I do come?" said Jill.

 $\mbox{``I make no promise, '` said the Lion.}$ 

Jill was so thirsty now that, without noticing it, she had come a step nearer.

"Do you eat girls?" she said.

"I have swallowed up girls and boys, women and men, kings and emperors, cities and realms," said the Lion. It didn't say this as if it were boasting, nor as if it were sorry, nor as if it were angry. It just said it.

"I daren't come and drink," said Jill.

"Then you will die of thirst," said the Lion.

"Oh dear!" said Jill, coming another step nearer. "I suppose I must go and look for another stream then."

"There is no other stream," said the Lion.

C.S. Lewis, The Silver Chair

## **◯** CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Crawford

Psalm 84:1-4

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

## **MATHORITY NAME OF INVOCATION**

"Come Thou Font"

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God: He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander—Lord I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758. Music: NETTLETON; Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

#### FIRST READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Margaret Ann Pyburn

John 4:1-15

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup>(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), <sup>3</sup>he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. <sup>4</sup> And he had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 9The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

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

## M HYMN OF OUR SAVIOR

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"

Jesus, what a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul; Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior makes me whole.

### Chorus:

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus, what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him; Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. (Chorus)

Jesus, what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul.
(Chorus, twice)

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910. Music: HYFRYDOL; Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855.

### SECOND READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 4:16-26

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

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## **MATHEMATICAL MATHEMATICAL MATH**

"Not in Me"



Words and Music: Eric Schumacher and David L. Ward.

### **GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS**

"None Other Lamb"

Chancel Choir

Becca Davis, Conductor (Samford University, Covenant Music Ministry Intern)

None other Lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heav'n or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee!

My faith burns low, my hope burns low; Only my heart's desire cries out in me By the deep thunder of its want and woe, Cries out to Thee.

Lord, Thou art Life, though I be dead; Love's fire thou art, however cold I be; Nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head, Nor home, but Thee.

Words: Christina Georgina Rossetti. Music: Craig Courtney.

### **MASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

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 ■ C224/C225 (available for the entire worship hour)

4K • C221 (available for the entire worship hour)

Kindergarten • C221 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)\*

1st & 2nd Grades • 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 with your full name and names of any family members attending with you. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 20.

#### SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Will Brooke

#### THE MORNING PRAYERS

Eric Getty

### THIRD READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 4:27-42

Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" <sup>28</sup>So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup>They went out of the town and were coming to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. <sup>36</sup>Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

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

# **MESSAGE**

"AN AMAZING ENCOUNTER"	
David Driskill	
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#### 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 communing but would like to participate, please come forward and 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.

The congregation will read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Dan Edwards

Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care.

We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns.

We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts.

We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us.

Apart from you, we are nothing.

Only your grace can sustain us.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation now and forever. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

—Romans 5:1-2

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** 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 Ghost,
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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **©** Congregational Response



## **Words of Institution**

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

## **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**

"I Will Praise Him Still" Rick Barnes

When the morning falls on the farthest hill, I will sing His name, I will praise Him still.

When dark trials come and my heart is filled With the weight of doubt, I will praise Him still.

## Chorus:

For the Lord our God, He is strong to save From the arms of death, from the deepest grave. And He gave us life in His perfect will, And by His good grace, I will praise Him still.

When the morning fall on the farthest hill, I will sing His name, I will praise Him still.

When dark trials come and my heart is filled With the weight of doubt, I will praise Him still. (Chorus, twice)

Word and Music: Fernando Ortega.

## "Jesus is Better"

Congregation, please sing during Communion.





Words and Music: Aaron Ivey and Brett Land.

# **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

# **© CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

May the love of Jesus fill me, As the waters fill the sea; Him exalting, self abasing, This is victory.

# **BENEDICTION**

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: October 6 - 12, 2019

**SUNDAY, October 6** 

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

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

(see page 21)

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

Children's Worship | Rising 3k through 2nd grades

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

at the home of Susan and David Gray

(309 Malaga Avenue, 35209)

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Jr. High & Sr. High Small Groups

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Women's Study: God for Us (Dining Room)

MONDAY, October 7

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

**TUESDAY, October 8** 

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Women's Study: God for Us (E201)

**WEDNESDAY, October 9** 

5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays@Covenant

5:30-7:15 KidConnection (3K-6th grades; 3rd floor)

5:30 Dinner (Fellowship Hall; BBQ chicken)

5:30 Jr. High Activities (bring dinner to Youth Area)

6:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S103)

6:15 Bible Study Options:

Marriage Enrichment (NOTE: this program is full)

Small Group Discussions

1. Sermon on the Mount (E201)

2. The Basics of the Christian Life (Dining Room)

6:45 Sr. High Activities (Youth Area) 7:45 Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

#### MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Please see our full calendar of Covenant events at covpres.com/calendar.

**Wednesdays**@**Covenant.** Join us each Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. for our fellowship dinner and stay for choir rehearsal at 6:00 and our studies and activities at 6:15. There is something for everyone! Visit covpres.com/schedule.

**Nominating Committee Recommendations.** Today is the final day to submit recommendations for our 2020 Nominating Committee. Please submit your recommendations for both male and female lay persons by filling out the form at the back of this worship guide and placing it in the basket provided in the Sanctuary foyer or by emailing Kim Oliver at koliver@covpres.com.

**College Sunday Lunches.** During October we will have a varied schedule for our College Sunday School lunches. Today, college students are invited to lunch at the home of Susan and Dave Gray (309 Malaga Avenue, 35209). The schedule for the remainder of October is as follows: October 13 (Fall Break), no lunch at Covenant; October 20, lunch at Covenant; and October 27, lunch with your Adopt-a-Student families. Please contact Josh Johnson (jjohnson@covpres.com) with any questions.

Feast Not Famine Fall Market & Harvest Supper. Ladies, our fifth annual Feast Not Famine event is November 14! Join us for a fall market at 5:00 p.m. in the Commons, featuring the gifts and talents of Covenant ladies. (To reserve a table, please email Julie Baggett at juliecbaggett@gmail.com.) Our harvest supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker Betsy Childs Howard. Betsy grew up at Covenant and is an editor for *The Gospel Coalition*. Invitations coming soon!

**Gospel Manhood.** Men, our next Gospel Manhood lunch is Tuesday, October 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our own Britton Wood, RUF Area Coordinator for Western Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama, will be speaking. There is a \$10 suggested donation for lunch.

**Keeping Up with Covenant.** There are several ways that you can stay up to date with all that's going on at Covenant! If you are not receiving Chronicles, our weekly email, please send your email address to chronicles@covpres.com. Also, follow us on Facebook at "Covenant Presbyterian Church" and on Instagram: @covpresbham, @covpreswomen, @covpreskids, and @covpresyouth. You can also visit our website and calendar at covpres.com.

# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

### 9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

**COLLEGE** | COMMONS College students\*

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

**CORNERSTONE** | S104 3os and 4os

**CROSSPOINTE** | S100 Young families; 30s

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

**LIGHTHOUSE** | E301 30s and 40s

**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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>College students gather in Commons Area at 12:00 for class and lunch.

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#### **RULING ELDERS**

2019 2020 2021 Ty Dedmon Bill Bennett Eric Getty Russell Martin Jeff Dyess Will Brooke Rick Flynn Michael Latta Daniel Murray Warren Norville Heath Henderson Charlie Logan Sandy Stradtman Tom McKnight Paul Loyless Clay Wheeler John Smith T Bob Schaffeld

Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard

Steve Stigler Mark Taylor John Wood

## **DEACONS**

John Shank

2019

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

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Patrick Strong

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

## **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.

SEPTEMBER READI	NG PLAN ISAIAH	GALATIANS
28/29	□ 13-18	□ 6-Ephesians 1  EPHESIANS
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OCTOBER READING	G PLAN	
	ISAIAH	EPHESIANS
1	□ 22-23	□ 3
2	□ 24-26	□ 4
3	□ 27-28	□ 5
4	□ 29-30	□ 6
		PHILIPPIANS
5/6	□ 31-36	□ 1-2
7	□ 37-38	□ 3
8	□ 39-40	□ 4
		COLOSSIANS
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23	□ 9-10	□ 3
24	□ 11-13	□ 4
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# RECOMMENDATIONS

#### FOR THE 2020 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is elected by the congregation to serve a one-year term and is responsible for nominating church officers for election by the congregation. The Nominating Committee is made up of 14 members (4 elders, 3 deacons, 7 at-large congregants) and pastoral staff.

Please submit your recommendations by October 6 for male and female lay persons by either emailing Kim Oliver at koliver@covpres.com or by filling out this form and placing it in the basket provided in the Sanctuary foyer.

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MALE NOMINEES for the Nominating Committee:
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There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 8 following gathered worship to elect the 2020 Nominating Committee members.