

# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

—1 Corinthians 15:24-25

They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.

—Revelation 17:14

Sing, my tongue, the Savior's glory,  
Of His Flesh, the mystery sing;  
Of the Blood, all price exceeding,  
Shed by our Immortal King,  
Destined, for the world's redemption,  
From a noble Womb to spring.

—Thomas Aquinas

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Marty Crawford*

 **HYMN OF ADORATION**

“Come People of the Risen King”

Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

Chorus:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice;  
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.  
(Chorus)

Come young and old from every land, men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all!”  
(Chorus, twice)

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 *Congregation stand as able.*

## ☒ PROFESSION OF FAITH

How does Christ execute the office of a King? (WSC 26)

*Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.*

## ☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice;

O Church of Christ, rejoice!

## ☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

**READING FROM THE PSALMS***Melanie Spooner*

Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us;  
we are glad.

<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like streams in the Negeb!

<sup>5</sup>Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!

<sup>6</sup>He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Father of all mercies,  
We your covenant people come before you with our sins,  
And we plead your mercy according to the blood of Jesus.  
Rather than pursue justice, mercy and humility in our thoughts,  
words, and deeds,  
We have been indifferent with justice, selfish with mercy,  
and lacking in humility.  
Please restore our fortunes in the Lord Jesus Christ,  
That we who sowed in tears may reap with shouts of joy,  
Saying "He has done great things for us!"  
To the glory of King Jesus and the good of his kingdom, Amen.*

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ☒ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let those who delight in my righteousness  
shout for joy and be glad  
and say evermore,  
"Great is the LORD,  
who delights in the welfare of his servant!"  
—Psalm 35:27

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.

 **HYMN OF JOY**

"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: Sandra McCracken, 2014. Music: Sandra McCracken and Josh Moore, 2014.

## READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Colossians 1:15-23

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

<sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS***Josh Johnson**"Sing to Jesus"**Daniel Smith*

Come and see, look on this mystery,  
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree,  
Christ our God, spilling His Holy blood,  
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head.

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame,  
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer;  
Sing to Jesus, honor His name,  
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring His life out unto death.

Come you weary, and He will give you rest,  
Come you who mourn, lay on His breast;  
Christ who died, risen in Paradise,  
Giver of mercy, Giver of life.

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne,  
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven;  
Sing to Jesus, we are His own,  
Now and forever, sing for the love our God has shown.

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## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you.

*And also with you.*

## **MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

See page 13 for our Ministry Announcements.

## **THE MORNING PRAYERS**

*Steve Stigler*

John 16:16-33

"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. <sup>23</sup>In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

<sup>29</sup>His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me



## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.*

### HYMN OF BLESSING

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died, eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose power a scepter sways;  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, And all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, And round his pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend, Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above In beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity!  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity!

Words: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874 (Rev. 19:12). Music: George J. Elvey, 1868.

### BENEDICTION

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**College Summer Fellowship.** All college students (including rising freshmen) are invited to Summer College Fellowship on Tuesdays from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will meet through August 4 at the Johnsons' home (1437 Linda Vista Lane, 35226).

**Fall Sunday School Plans.** In light of the limitations of gathering due to COVID-19, and with consideration for all of the practical, logistical, and sanitary measures necessary for us to gather, we are dividing our Sunday School communities into two groups for fall and winter that will meet every other Sunday evening from 5:00-6:00 p.m. beginning September 13. We will have 30 minutes of teaching time in the Sanctuary followed by 30 minutes of fellowship and prayer in assigned classrooms. Please see the group and date assignments below:

**Group A** | Community, Crosspointe, Lighthouse, Living Stones, Open Doors, and Upper Room will meet September 13, 27; October 11; and November 1, 15.

**Group B** | College, Cornerstone, Foundations, Kingdom Builders, and Threshold will meet September 20; October 4, 25; and November 8, 22.

For children our full nursery will be available, and Children's Sunday School will also take place during this time for the children whose parents' Sunday School communities are scheduled to meet. Our Children's Ministry team will be recruiting teachers and volunteers for these classes. Youth small groups will also meet during this time. We will be sending out specific RSVP links in September. If you have any questions, please contact David Driskill ([ddriskill@covpres.com](mailto:ddriskill@covpres.com)) or Laura Tucker ([ltucker@covpres.com](mailto:ltucker@covpres.com)).

**Sunday, August 9.** On Sunday, August 9, Sandy Willson will lead a 30-minute session on transitioning to a new senior pastor as we look forward to welcoming Robby and Chrissy Holt to Covenant. The session will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be in person and livestreamed before the service begins at 10:30.

**Women's Fall Bible Studies.** Beginning in September, we will offer a fall Bible study on the book of Ephesians. We will be studying what it means to be vitally connected to Christ and His Church through Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus. We will have a Tuesday morning large group teaching time in the Sanctuary led by different women. We plan to have childcare and small groups. Divine Design Discipleship will be meeting on Tuesday mornings for large group and discipleship groups as well. Kathy Girardeau will explore Expectations—how powerfully they impact our life experience and how to bring them into agreement with Biblical truth. Please visit [covpres.com/fall-study](http://covpres.com/fall-study) for more information.

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 Charlie Logan  
 Paul Loyless  
 Bob Schaffeld  
 Lee Sheppard  
 Steve Stigler  
 Mark Taylor  
 John Wood

2021

Eric Getty  
 Russell Martin  
 Daniel Murray  
 Warren Norville  
 Sandy Stradtman  
 Clay Wheeler

2022

Ty Dedmon  
 John Hamilton  
 Mark Hogewood  
 John James  
 David O'Dell  
 Norman Pless  
 Kurt Senn

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2020

Tripp Alexander  
 Paul Darden  
 Jay Evans  
 Bryan Flores  
 John Gant  
 John David Gray  
 Marty Martin  
 Bud Miller  
 Tyler O'Connor  
 John Shults  
 Danny Smith  
 Robert Stephens  
 Clark Worrell

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

## 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 2020.

### JULY READING PLAN

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| 9     | <input type="checkbox"/> 41-Psalm 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 16:16-40    |
|       | <b>PSALMS</b>                       |                                      |
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