# The Lord's Day in Worship

#### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Trinity Sunday June 16, 2019

Where I found truth, there I found God, who is the truth itself.
—St. Augustine

The remedy for discouragement is the Word of God. When you feed your heart and mind with its truth, you regain your perspective and find renewed strength.

-Warren Wiersbe

If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair.

-C. S. Lewis

You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death to you.

-C. S. Lewis

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

—Psalm 25:5

#### **EXECUTE** CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Crawford

## **MHYMN OF PRAISE**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: John B. Bykes (1823-1876).

#### **READING FROM THE PSALMS**

Stephanie Alonso

Psalm 43

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

<sup>2</sup>For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me?

Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

<sup>3</sup>Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!
<sup>4</sup>Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

<sup>5</sup>Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

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

#### **M HYMN OF SALVATION**

"How Firm a Foundation"

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word; What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

"That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I will never, no never, no never forsake."

Words: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.. Music: J. Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832.

#### **M PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## **READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 14:1-14

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

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

## **M HYMN OF TRUST**

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee,
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour;
Stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r
When Thou art nigh.
I need Thee, O I need Thee,
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide
Or life is vain.
I need Thee, O I need Thee,
Ev'ry hour I need Thee.
O bless me now my Savior,
I come to Thee.

O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee.

Words: Annie S. Hawks (1835-1918); refrain: Robert Lowry (1826-1899). Music: Robert Lowry (1826-1899.

# **GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS**

"Father, I Adore You"

Men's Chorus

Father, I adore You, Lay my life before You, How I love You.

Jesus, I adore You, Lay my life before You, How I love You.

Spirit, I adore You, Lay my life before You, How I love You.

Words and Music: Terrye Coelho.

#### **M PASSING 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**

Summer Children's Worship is available for rising 4K through 3rd grades. Please read the details below regarding dismissal from the sanctuary and classroom assignments. If you are a guest and have not checked your child into our system, please visit the nursery welcome desk (1st floor) to receive a name tag and pickup details.

- Rising 4K & Kindergarten | C221; available for the entire worship hour
- Rising 1st through 3rd | 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 19.

## THE MORNING PRAYERS

Jeff Dyess

## **READING FROM THE EPISTLES**

Ephesians 6:13-14a

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14a</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth...

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**

| "THE BELT OF TRUTH" |
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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

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### M Assurance of Pardon

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

-John 8:31-32

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.

# **MApostles 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.

## **M** Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

#### **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.

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true Son.
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Thou my inheritance now and always; Thou and thou only first in my heart. High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won.

May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Son!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;

Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all!

Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all!

Words: Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th century; tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912. Music: traditional Irish melody.

# **M PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

# **© CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**



## **BENEDICTION**

# THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: June 16 - 22, 2019

**SUNDAY, June 16** 

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages (see page 20)

Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

10:30 a.m. Children's Worship | Rising 4k through 3rd grades 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Women's Study: Even Better Than Eden (Dining Room)

MONDAY, June 17

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Women's Study: From Garden to Glory

(dinner \$6; Dining Room)

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. College Dinner & Study

at the Dyess' home (3408 Water Oak Dr, 35243)

WEDNESDAY, June 19

6:30 p.m. Women's Summer Salad Supper

Jeannie Winford will be sharing

at the home of Sarah Allen (400 Woodland Dr, 35209)

#### MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

**Reception for Tyrone Perry.** Please join us for a reception on Sunday, June 23 immediately following gathered worship to thank Tyrone Perry for his 33 and a half years of service at Covenant. Everyone is invited as we celebrate Tyrone and what he has meant to our church staff and family for these past three-plus decades!

**Women's Summer Salad Suppers.** Ladies, our next Summer Salad Supper is this Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. Jeannie Winford will be sharing at the home of Sarah Allen (400 Woodland Dr, 35209). Visit covpres.com/womens-ministry for the full schedule.

**Summer Chancel Choir.** Summer choir is a no-strings-attached opportunity to see if choir might be an area in which you'd like to serve in the coming year. Our next rehearsal is Wednesday, July 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room, and we will sing the following Sunday, July 14. In August we will rehearse twice (August 7 and 10) and sing Sunday morning and evening August 11 during worship and during our Hymn Sing.

**Rain for Roots Concert.** Rain for Roots will be in concert Saturday morning, June 22 at 10:00 a.m. at Red Mountain Church. We have 50 tickets reserved for Covenant. Tickets are \$5, and you can purchase them from Karan Stuart, Covenant Receptionist, in the church office.

**Congregational Prayer Time.** Join us on Sunday, June 23 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for congregational prayer. All ages are invited to pray for our church family, staff, leadership, ministries, and community.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Some classes will be combined for the month of June. Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

**COLLEGE** | PARLOR College students

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

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

**CROSSPOINTE &** 20s and 30s; **LIVING STONES** | S100 40s and 50s

**KINGDOM BUILDERS &** 50s and 60s; **LIGHTHOUSE** | E201 30s and 40s

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

THRESHOLD & singles and young marrieds,
UPPER ROOM | S104 20s and 30s; 60s and 70s

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

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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

Tvler O'Connor

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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.

#### JUNE READING PLAN

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| 1/2   | □ 4-9  | □ 12:20-13:20   |  |
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| 4   | □ 13-16  | □ 14  |  |
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| 6   | □ 20-22  | □ 16:1-15   |  |
| 7   | □ 23-25  | □ 16:16-33  |  |
| 8/9   | □ 26-31  | □ 17:1-18:24  |  |
| 10  | □ 32-33  | □ 18:25-40  |  |
| 11  | □ 34-36  | □ 19:1-22   |  |
|   | EZRA   |   |  |
| 12  | □ 1-2  | □ 19:23-42  |  |
| 13  | □ 3-5  | □ 20  |  |
| 14  | □ 6-8  | □ 21  |  |
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| 15/16   | □ 9-Nehemiah 3   | □ 1:1-2:13  |  |
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| 17  | NEHEMIAH  □ 4-6  | □ 2:14-47   |  |
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