The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Listen to me, O house of Jacob,
all the remnant of the house of Israel,
who have been borne by me from before your birth,
carried from the womb;
even to your old age I am he,
and to gray hairs I will carry you.
I have made, and I will bear;
I will carry and will save."
—Isaiah 46:3-4

"God chooses the unlikely heroes precisely because their weaknesses so emphatically contrast and emphasize the strength of the deity."

—Suzie Park

"The difference between the interpretation of Jacob and of Laban's sons and daughters was qualitative. For Jacob, the important point was not that the livestock belonged to him but that they were given to him by God."

—Gary Edward Schnittjer

a responsive reading from Psalm 32

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

All: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

All: Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.
You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.

All: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

M HYMNS OF ADORATION

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Holy God, we praise Thy Name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee. All on earth your scepter claim; All in heav'n above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain: Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn, Angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord!"

Lo! The apostolic train Join Thy sacred Name to hallow; Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the blessed martyrs follow; And from morn to set of sun, Through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee, Still, one holy voice is heard; Undivided God, we claim Thee, And, adoring, bend the knee While we sing this mystery.

Words: 4th century, attr. Ignaz Franz (1719-1790); tr. Clarence A. Walworth (1820-1900). Music: Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774 (GROSSER GOTT).



Words and Music: Jonathan, Megan, and Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge CCLI 5937510.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 15:11-24

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

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

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.
Grant us a holy grief that honors you.
Move us to genuine repentance for your Name's sake.
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.

MASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—¹4so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

-Galatians 3:13-14

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.

"As Moses Raised the Serpent Up (John 3:14-17)" Congregational Hymn



Words: John 3:14-17, versified by Marie J. Post. Music: O WALY WALY, English Folk Melody.

The Sacrament of Baptism

10:30 AM

Catherine Anne Adams

DAUGHTER OF MARY GLENN AND CHARLIE ADAMS

Elizabeth Lane Adams

DAUGHTER OF MARY GLENN AND CHARLIE ADAMS

Isaac Shields Davis
SON OF RACHEL AND WALT DAVIS

PARENTAL VOWS

- 1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on your child's behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
- 3. Do you now without reservation dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the truth and mystery of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all the means which God has generously given us, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BAPTISM

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

"JESUS LOVES ME"

Words: Anna Bartlett Warner (1859). Music: William B. Bradbury.

10 **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 20 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

Genesis 30:25-43

As soon as Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own home and country. 26 Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, that I may go, for you know the service that I have given you." 27 But Laban said to him, "If I have found favor in your sight, I have learned by divination that the Lord has blessed me because of you. 28 Name your wages, and I will give it." 29 Jacob said to him, "You yourself know how I have served you, and how your livestock has fared with me. 30 For you had little before I came, and it has increased abundantly, and the Lord has blessed you wherever I turned. But now when shall I provide for my own household also?" 31He said, "What shall I give you?" Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this for me, I will again pasture your flock and keep it: 32 let me pass through all your flock today, removing from it every speckled and spotted sheep and every black lamb, and the spotted and speckled among the goats, and they shall be my wages. 33 So my honesty will answer for me later, when you come to look into my wages with you. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, if found with me, shall be counted stolen." 34 Laban said, "Good! Let it be as you have said." 35But that day Laban removed the male goats that were striped and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white on it, and every lamb that was black, and put them in the charge of his sons. ³⁶ And he set a distance of three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob pastured the rest of Laban's flock.

³⁷Then Jacob took fresh sticks of poplar and almond and plane trees, and peeled white streaks in them, exposing the white of the sticks. ³⁸He set the sticks that he had peeled in front of the flocks in the troughs, that is, the watering places, where the flocks came to drink. And since they bred when they came to drink, ³⁹the flocks bred in front of the sticks and so the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted. ⁴⁰And Jacob separated the lambs and set the faces of

the flocks toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban. He put his own droves apart and did not put them with Laban's flock. ⁴¹Whenever the stronger of the flock were breeding, Jacob would lay the sticks in the troughs before the eyes of the flock, that they might breed among the sticks, ⁴²but for the feebler of the flock he would not lay them there. So the feebler would be Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. ⁴³Thus the man increased greatly and had large flocks, female servants and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

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

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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

Words of Institution

from Matthew 26:26-29; 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.

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.

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down; Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Words: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709. Music: Gregorian chant; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824.







Words: Charles Wesley, 1738. Music: Thomas Campbell (1777-1844).

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: June 13 - 20, 2021

SUNDAY, June 13

8:00 a.m. Gathered Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (see page 20)

10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship

5:30 p.m. VBS Kickoff

MONDAY, June 14 - VBS (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

THURSDAY, June 17 Bonus Days (12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, June 16

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Covenant Prayer Time (\$100)

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Women's Ministry: Summer Salad Supper

(Fellowship Hall)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Josh Johnson, June 14 - 20).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS. Pray this week for Vacation Bible School, for the children who will be attending, the volunteers who will be serving, and our ministry staff who will be leading. May the gospel be heard, seen, and believed at Covenant this week!

Women's Ministry. Our next Summer Salad Supper is this Wednesday, June 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Kelly Henderson is sharing, and the cost for dinner is \$5. Please register at covpres.com/summer-salad-suppers.

Children's Summer Activities. Our Children's Ministry staff has lots of summer fun planned! Visit covpres.com/childrens-summer-activities for details and to register for all of the events.

Scripture Memory. Our church-wide memory passage is Titus 2:11-14. We will be memorizing these verses from now through August 8. Pick up a memory verse card pack in the Sanctuary foyer to help you memorize our verses. These beautiful cards can be framed, hung on your fridge, or stuck to a mirror to remind you of the scriptures we are learning together as a church body.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

SUNDAYS, 9:15-10:15 A.M. | APRIL 11 - JUNE 27, 2021

Nursery available; Children's and Youth Sunday School classes are meeting weekly during this time.

GROUP A

June 20

CROSSPOINTE	Young families; 30s
(FELLOWSHIP HALL)	
LIGHTHOUSE (E301)	30s and 40s
LIVING STONES (E201)	late 40s, 50s, and early 60s
OPEN DOORS &	60s, 70s, and above
UPPER ROOM (S100)	

GROUP B

June 13, 27

COMMUNITY (E201)	All ages and life stages
CORNERSTONE (S100)	30s and early 40s
FOUNDATIONS (E304)	40s and 50s
KINGDOM BUILDERS	50s and 60s
(FELLOWSHIP HALL)	
THRESHOLD (E301)	Singles and young
	marrieds; 20s and 30s

COLLEGE (DINING ROOM)

All college students are meeting weekly through June 27.

Pastors by Sunday School Community:

Community, Open Doors, Upper Room | Marty Crawford
Cornerstone, Foundations, Lighthouse | David Driskill
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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.

JUNE READING PLAN

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	2 CHRONICLES	JOHN				
1	□ 7-9	□ 13:21-14:14				
2	□ 10-12	□ 14:15-31				
3	□ 13-15	□ 15:1-17				
4	□ 16-18	□ 15:18-16:15				
5/6	□ 19-23	□ 16:16-17:5				
7	□ 24-27	□ 17:6-26				
8	□ 28-30	□ 18				
9	□ 31-33	□ 19:1-16a				
10	□ 34-26	□ 19:16b-42				
	EZRA					
11	□ 1-2	□ 20				
12/13	□ 3-7	□ 21:1-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	□ 29-11	□ 4:23-37				
19/20	□ 12-Esther 4	□ 5:1-32				
	ESTHER					
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	□ 7-9	□ 8:4-25				
26/28	□ 10-14	□ 8:26-9:9				
28	□ 15-17	□ 9:10-31				
29	□ 18-20	□ 9:32-10:8				
30	□ 21-23	□ 10:9-48				