The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"We could summarize Matthew's Gospel in one word—fulfillment. From beginning to end, Matthew views Jesus' genealogy, birth, life, death, and resurrection as the fulfillment of the entire sweep of the Old Testament."

—Benjamin Gladd

"Israel's sacred history is presented by Matthew as an elaborate figurative tapestry designed to point forward to Jesus and his activity...Matthew has organized his material in a didactic, user-friendly fashion, making it unmistakably explicit that Jesus is the fulfillment of Israel's Scriptures."

-Richard Hays

Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

-Malachi 3:1

Psalm 118:1, 19-24, 26-29

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever!

ALL: *Open to me the gates of righteousness,*

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

ALL: I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

ALL: This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

ALL: The LORD is God.

and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Leader: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords.

up to the horns of the altar!

ALL: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"All Glory Laud And Honor"

All glory, laud and honor,
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring;
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One!

The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply;
The people of the Hebrews,
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems,
Before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise!
Thou didst accept their praises,
Accept the praise we bring;
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King!

Words: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854; alt. Music: Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615.

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Chorus:

Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun, His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.
(Chorus)

He comes with comfort speedy To those who suffer wrong, To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong. (Chorus)

To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turned to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth. Love, joy, and hope, like flowers Spring in His path to birth. (Chorus)

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove. His name shall stand forever; That name to us is Love. (Chorus)

Words: James Montgomery (alt. Sandra McCracken). Music: Sandra McCracken.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God:

ALL: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving-kindness:

According to the multitude of your tender mercies

Blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities,

And cleanse us from our sin.

For we acknowledge our transgressions:

And our sin is ever before us.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence;

And take not your Holy Spirit from us. Amen.

Leader: Hear us now, as we silently confess our sins.

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

—Jeremiah 33:8

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 Spirit;
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 Spirit; The holy catholic Church; The communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

◯ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Doxology"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken (1674). Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, attr. Louis Bourgeois (1551).

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

²Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

⁷all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field.

8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" Congregational Hymn



Words: Henry Hart Milman, 1827. Music: Zac Hicks 2018.

The peace of the LORD be with you. *And also with you.*

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 18 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. Children ages 3 years old (by 9/1/2020) through Kindergarten sitting in the Fellowship Hall 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 Fellowship Hall, prior to the benediction, 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

Matthew 21:1-17

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Zechariah 14:4, 9
On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east...And the LORD will be king over all the earth.

Zechariah 9:9
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Psalm 118:25-26

25 Save us, we pray,
O LORD!

26 Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the LORD!

Psalm 148:1

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from
the heavens; praise him
in the heights!

¹² And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

¹⁴And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, ¹⁶and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

"'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?"

¹⁷And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD...⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain...and make them joyful in my house of prayer, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for

Jeremiah 7:11

all peoples.

Isaiah 56:6-7

Has this house, which is called by my name, **become a den of robbers** in your eyes?

Psalm 8:2

Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

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

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.

"The Power of the Cross"

Oh, to see the dawn Of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, Torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

Oh, to see the pain Written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin; Every bitter thought, Every evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow. (Chorus)

Chorus:

This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us, Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees, Now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows his head. Curtain torn in two, Dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the victory cry. (Chorus)

Oh, to see my name Written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death, Life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

This, the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us. What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

Words and Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty, 2005. CCLI 4490766.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: March 28 - April 3, 2021

SUNDAY, March 28

8:15 a.m. Gathered Worship
10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. 6th Grade Small Groups
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. 9th-12th Grade Small Groups

MONDAY, March 29

8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)

TUESDAY, March 30

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

(Fellowship Hall)

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Esther, The Hidden Hand of God

(Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, March 31

6:00-7:30 p.m. 7th-8th Grade Small Groups

THURSDAY, April 1

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (with communion)

FRIDAY, April 2

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Scripture Memory. During the season of Lent, we invite our whole congregation to memorize Colossians 3:3-5. Lent is a season when we slow down and take a hard look at our sin. Colossians 3:3-5 reminds us that, while we have already died with Christ, we still have indwelling sin to battle. This passage will help us live out the grace of repentance together.

Sunday School Podcast. This week's Sunday School podcast focuses on Matthew 17-18. You can find this podcast on iTunes by searching for "Covenant Presbyterian Church" and at covpres.com/see-hear/audio.

Holy Week at Covenant. We will have a Maundy Thursday service, with communion, at 7:00 p.m. on April 1 and a Good Friday service at 12:00 p.m. on April 2. Easter morning we will begin with a Sunrise Service at 6:15 p.m. at Vulcan; yard signs promoting this service are available for pickup in the Sanctuary foyer. Then we will have three worship services at Covenant: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. We will require RSVPs for the three services at Covenant on Easter morning. Please make your reservations at covpres.com/lent. Note: Children's Worship will be available at the 8:00 and 9:30 services.

Communion. We plan to return to weekly communion on Sunday, April 11. We will distribute the bread and cup in the same manner to which you are accustomed, with social distancing in place. We also will have prepackaged elements available to anyone who wants them. Please plan to join us in person for communion, as you are able and comfortable, beginning April 11.

Returning to Sunday School. It is our plan and hope to return to Sunday morning Sunday School on April 11! We are dividing our Sunday School communities into two groups that will meet every other Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15 a.m., April 11 through June 27. For group assignments and dates, please see page 20 or visit covpres.com/sunday-school-communities. Our full nursery will be available, and all Children's and Youth Sunday Schools will meet together weekly during this time. If you have any questions, please contact David Driskill (ddriskill@covpres.com) or Laura Tucker (ltucker@covpres.com).

Early Service Time Change. With the return of Sunday School on April 11, we also will be moving our early service from 8:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. This will allow our worshipers in that service to make their way to Sunday School.



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS: THE GLORY & GRACE OF KING IESUS

THE CONCLUSION OF OUR LENTEN STUDY OF MATTHEW

We invite you to join us in worship during Holy Week as we reflect on the Passion of our Lord and celebrate his Resurrection. All are welcome!

| PALM SUNDAY |

March 28

Gathered Worship | 8:15 & 10:30 am

| MAUNDY THURSDAY |

April 1

Gathered Worship with Communion | 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

April 2

Gathered Worship | 12:00 noon

CILLIDAN

| EASTER SUNDAY |

April 4

Sunrise Service at Vulcan Park | 6:15 am Gathered Worship | 8:00 am*

Gathered Worship | 9:30 am*

Gathered Worship | 11:00 am*

*RSVPs required through covpres.com/lent. Please note that Children's Worship will be available at the 8:00 and 9:30 services.

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 will meet together weekly during this time.

GROUP A

April 11, 25; May 9, 23; June 6, 20

CROSSPOINTE (S100)	Young families; 30s
LIGHTHOUSE (E301)	30s and 40s
LIVING STONES (E201)	40s and 50s
OPEN DOORS (S104)	70s and above
UPPER ROOM (S104)	60s and 70s

GROUP B

April 18; May 2, 16, 30; June 13, 27

COMMUNITY (E305)	All ages and life stages
CORNERSTONE (E100)	30s and 40s
FOUNDATIONS (E301)	30s and 40s
KINGDOM BUILDERS (E201)	50s and 60s
THRESHOLD (E304)	Singles and young
	marrieds; 20s and 30s

Teaching Elders by Sunday School Community:

Community, Open Doors, Upper Room | Marty Crawford Cornerstone, Foundations, Lighthouse | David Driskill Living Stones, Kingdom Builders | Dan Edwards College, Crosspointe, Threshold | Josh Johnson

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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.

MARCH READING PLAN

TIAROTI READINGT	JOSHUA	LUKE
27/28	□ 20-24	□ 6:27-7:35
21/20	JUDGES	- 0.27 7.55
29	□ 1-3	□ 7:36-8:3
30	□ 4- 5	□ 8:4-39
31	□ 6-7	□ 8:40-56
APRIL READING PLA	AN	
	JUDGES	LUKE
1	□ 8-10	□ 9:1-27
2	□ 11-12	□ 9:28-62
3/4	□ 13-17	□ 10
5	□ 18-19	□ 11:1-36
6	□ 20-21	□ 11:37-12:3
	RUTH	
7	□ 1-2	□ 12:4-34
8	□ 3-4	□ 12:35-59
	1 SAMUEL	
9	□ 1-2	□ 13:1-21
10/11	□ 3-8	□ 13:22-14:6
12	□ 9-12	□ 14:7-24
13	□ 13-14	□ 14:25-15:10
14	□ 15-17	□ 15:11-32
15	□ 18-19	□ 16:1-13
16	□ 20-21	□ 16:14-31
17/18	□ 22-26	□ 17:1-18:14
19	□ 27-28	□ 18:15-34
20	□ 29-31	□ 18:35-19:10
	2 SAMUEL	
21	□ 1-3	□ 19:11-27
22	□ 4-5	□ 19:28-48
23	□ 6-8	□ 20:1-26
24/25	□ 9-13	□ 20:27-21:19
26	□ 14-16	□ 21:20-38
27	□ 17-19	□ 22:1-23
28	□ 20-22	□ 22:24-38
29	□ 23-1 Kings 1	□ 22:39-71
	1 KINGS	
30	□ 2-3	□ 23:1-25
May 1-2	□ 4-8	□ 23:26-56

