

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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“For this reason the world hates you”: they resent the disciples’ status as Jesus’ followers, and his spiritual presence in them stirs the world’s antagonism toward God and his purposes in Christ. This does not call believers to physically separate themselves from the world; to the contrary, they are sent into the world to bear spiritual fruit.

—Andreas Kostenberger

Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

—Hebrews 11:35b-38

☒ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dan Edwards

☒ **HYMN OF ADORATION**

“All I Have is Christ”

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life Had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own A rebel to Your will,
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race Indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross.
And I beheld God’s love displayed; You suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace.

Chorus:

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands Could never come from me.
Oh Father, use my ransomed life In any way You choose,
And let my song forever be My only boast is You.
(Chorus)

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Justin Richardson

Psalm 35:1-3, 11-24, 27-28

Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me;
fight against those who fight against me!

²Take hold of shield and buckler
and rise for my help!

³Draw the spear and javelin
against my pursuers!

Say to my soul,
“I am your salvation!”

¹¹Malicious witnesses rise up;
they ask me of things that I do not know.

¹²They repay me evil for good;
my soul is bereft.

¹³But I, when they were sick—
I wore sackcloth;
I afflicted myself with fasting;

I prayed with head bowed on my chest.

¹⁴I went about as though I grieved for my friend or my brother;
as one who laments his mother,
I bowed down in mourning.

¹⁵But at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered;
they gathered together against me;

wretches whom I did not know
tore at me without ceasing;

¹⁶like profane mockers at a feast,
they gnash at me with their teeth.

¹⁷How long, O Lord, will you look on?

Rescue me from their destruction,
my precious life from the lions!

¹⁸I will thank you in the great congregation;
in the mighty throng I will praise you.

¹⁹Let not those rejoice over me
who are wrongfully my foes,
and let not those wink the eye
who hate me without cause.

²⁰For they do not speak peace,
but against those who are quiet in the land
they devise words of deceit.

²¹They open wide their mouths against me;
they say, "Aha, Aha!
Our eyes have seen it!"

²²You have seen, O LORD; be not silent!
O Lord, be not far from me!

²³Awake and rouse yourself for my vindication,
for my cause, my God and my Lord!

²⁴Vindicate me, O LORD, my God,
according to your righteousness,
and let them not rejoice over me!

²⁷Let 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!"

²⁸Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness
and of your praise all the day long.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;
We have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have sought friendship with the world
and have allowed our lives and our hearts
to be shaped by our culture instead of your word.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.*

*But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Forgive us our many sins.
Strengthen us in our flesh to struggle against our flesh
and the world and the devil.
Renew us and remake after the image of your dear son Jesus Christ,
for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.*

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

PRAYER FOR MERCY

“Trisagion”

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have Mercy, have mercy on us.

Words: Book of Common Prayer. Music: Fernando Ortega. CCLI 6485614.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:8-9

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 ASSURANCE

"What Wondrous Love is This?"

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on!

Words: American folk hymn. Music: The Southern Harmony, 1835.

READING FROM THE PSALMS

1 John 5:1-5

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

David Driskill

"By Faith"

Congregational Hymn

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

Refrain:

We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
'Til the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw the day
When the longed for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth.
(Refrain)

By faith this mountain shall be moved,
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.
(Refrain, twice)

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend. CCLI 5469291.

☒ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 16 for our Ministry Announcements this week.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Norman Pless

☒ READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 15:18-16:4

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. ²²If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’

²⁶“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. ^{16:1}“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me.

⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

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.

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 WITNESS**

“Jesus I My Cross Have Taken”

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my savior too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not like them untrue;
Oh, while thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me;
Show thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me,
Twill but drive me to thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me,
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me
While thy love is left to me;
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with thee.

Go then, earthly fame and treasure;
Come disaster, scorn and pain;
In thy service pain is pleasure;
With thy favor loss is gain.
I have called thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on thee;
Storms may howl and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.

Words: Henry Lyte. Music: Bill Moore.

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

College Summer Fellowship. This summer, all current Covenant college students (including rising freshmen) are invited to participate in the Summer College Fellowship nights. We will meet every Tuesday evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Johnsons' home (1437 Linda Vista Lane, 35226), and we are going to discuss "Maintaining Healthy Relationships." We are meeting every Tuesday through August 4.

Fall Sunday School Plans. Due to the limitations of gathering safely during Covid-19, our leadership and staff have come to the decision that it is not feasible to gather in a normal capacity for Sunday School through the end of this year. In light of this, 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 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) or Laura Tucker (ltucker@covpres.com).

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RULING ELDERS

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Michael Latta
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

DEACONS

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

	JOB	ACTS
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	PSALMS	
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