

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



There is but one God, and they that serve him should be one. There is nothing that would render the true religion more lovely, or make more proselytes to it, than to see the professors of it tied together with the heart strings of love. If God be one, let all that profess him be of one mind, and one heart, and thus fulfill Christ's prayer, "that they all may be one."

—Thomas Watson

Be united with other Christians. A wall with loose bricks is not good. The bricks must be cemented together.

—Corrie Ten Boom

In John 13 the point was that, if an individual Christian does not show love toward other true Christians, the world has a right to judge that he is not a Christian. Here (in John 17:21) Jesus is stating something else which is much more cutting, much more profound: We cannot expect the world to believe the Father sent the Son, that Jesus' claims are true, and that Christianity is true, unless the world sees some reality of the oneness of true Christians.

—Francis Schaeffer

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

Josh Johnson

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Molly Stone

Psalm 98

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

²The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together

⁹before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

☒ HYMN OF ADORATION

To comply with current CDC recommendations, we encourage the congregation to sing in moderation while wearing masks.

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, allelu...
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: St. Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225; tr. by William H. Draper, 1926. Music: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*.

 **PRAYER OF ADORATION** **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 4:1-7

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Gracious and merciful Father in Heaven,
We confess that we have not walked in a manner
worthy of the calling of Christ.
We have not been humble, gentle, or patient with our thoughts and words,
But rather have spoken without grace and love.
We have not endured with one another in love,
And above all, we have not eagerly sought
to maintain the unity of Christ's church in the bonds of peace.
Please forgive us, and enable us to build up one another in love
Until we attain to the unity of the faith
and of the knowledge of the Son of God,
For the Glory of Christ and the good of his kingdom we pray, Amen.*

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

☒ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

—1 John 1:7

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 THANKSGIVING**

"Never Cease to Praise"

May we run this race, may we keep the faith,
May our eyes be fixed on Jesus;
That we'll not lose heart in our struggle with sin,
And through suffering know endurance.
May we arm ourselves with the mind of Christ,
To rejoice in trials and be not surprised;
May our hearts be so consumed by You,
That we never cease to praise.

May our company be the saints You've called,
May we all stand firm in one spirit;
That the gospel's truth may resound on earth,
That all living things may hear it.
May the fruits of faith mark the path we trod,
Through the life of Christ to the glory of God;
May our hearts be so consumed by You,
That we never cease to praise.

May the words we share be Your grace and peace,
May our tongues speak Your proclamations;
That the many parts of the body of Christ
Be affirmed in their right relation.
As we long and wait for the groom to come,
May we learn to love and spur each other on;
May our hearts be so consumed by You,
That we never cease to praise.

When that day arrives, and the race is won,
When our griefs give way to deliverance;
We will fully know as we're fully known,
All our groans will end as new songs begin,
And a multitude from ev'ry tribe and tongue,
Wearing robes of white will stand before Your throne,
And our hearts will be so consumed by You,
That we'll never cease to praise.

May our hearts be so consumed by You,
That we never cease to praise.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

Marty Crawford

"Is He Worthy?"

Rick Barnes and Virtual Choir

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)

Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)

But do you know that all the dark won't stop

the light from getting through? (We do)

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)

Is a new creation coming? (It is)

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Chorus:

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this?

He is.

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)

Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)

And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? (He does)

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

(Chorus)

From every people and tribe,
Every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
To reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?
He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is!
He is!

Words and Music: Andrew Peterson. CCLI 7108951.

☒ **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.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Charlie Logan

John 17:20-26

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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 HOPE

“The Church’s One Foundation

The Church’s one Foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 She is His new creation, By water and the Word:
 From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
 With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o’er all the earth,
 Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

‘Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
 Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
 Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

Words: Samuel J. Stone (1839-1900). Music: Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876).

☒ BENEDICTION

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appreciation Sunday. On Sunday, August 16, we will have a time of appreciation for Sandy Willson beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please join us that morning in person or via livestream to thank Sandy for all that he has done for Covenant over the last three years. Due to social distancing restrictions, we will not be able to gather following the service. If you would like to express your personal gratitude to Sandy for his ministry at Covenant, please send a note or card to the church office.

Congregational Meeting. On Sunday, August 16, immediately following gathered worship, we will have a meeting to vote to accept the slate of officer nominations (class of 2023) from the Nominating Committee. Once accepted, the nominees will go through Officer Training this fall and will be elected in December.

Women's Fall Bible Studies. Beginning September 8, we will offer a fall Bible study on Ephesians, studying what it means to be vitally connected to Christ and His Church. We will have a Tuesday morning teaching time in the Sanctuary led by different women. We plan to have childcare and small groups. Divine Design Discipleship will also begin on September 8 with 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 for more information and to register.

Fall Sunday School Plans. In light of the limitations of gathering due to COVID-19, 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. For the group assignments and dates, please see covpres.com/sunday-school-communities. Our full nursery will be available, and Children's Sunday School and Youth Small Groups will also take place 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

2020

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Will Brooke
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.

AUGUST READING PLAN

	PSALMS	ROMANS
1/2	□ 65-69	□ 4
3	□ 70-72	□ 5
4	□ 73-74	□ 6
5	□ 75-76	□ 7
6	□ 77-79	□ 8
7	□ 80-84	□ 9:1-10:4
8/9	□ 85-90	□ 10:5-11:10
10	□ 91-93	□ 11:11-36
11	□ 94-95	□ 12
12	□ 96-98	□ 13
13	□ 99-101	□ 14
14	□ 102-104	□ 15:1-21
15/16	□ 105-108	□ 15:22-1 Corinthians 1:17
		1 CORINTHIANS
17	□ 109-110	□ 1:18-31
18	□ 111-112	□ 2
19	□ 113-115	□ 3
20	□ 116-119:48	□ 4
21	□ 119:49-104	□ 5
22/23	□ 119:105-176	□ 6
24	□ 120-124	□ 7
25	□ 125-127	□ 8
26	□ 128-130	□ 9
27	□ 131-133	□ 10:1-22
28	□ 134-137	□ 10:23-11:1
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