The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity July 15, 2018

"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

"To err is human; to forgive, divine."

–Alexander Pope

"Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive."

-C.S. Lewis

"Every man should have a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends."

—Henry Ward Beecher

"And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone,

so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

—Jesus of Nazareth

READING FROM THE PSALMS AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Edwards

(Congregational responses are *italicized*.)

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God,

and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Let us worship God.

With all our hearts, we praise Him.

M HYMN OF PRAISE

"The Heavens Declare Thy Glory"



1.The heav - ens de-clare___Thy glo - ry, the fir - ma - ment Thy
2.The sun___ with roy - al splen dor goes forth to chant Thy
3.How per - fect_just_and ho - ly the pre-cepts Thou hast
4.All heav - en on high__ re- joice - es to do its Mak - er's



pow'r; day un- to day _____ the sto- ry re- peats from hour to praise, and moon beams soft_ and ten- der, their gent - ler an - them giv'n; still mak - ing_ wise_ the low- ly, they lift the thoughts to will; the stars_ with sol - emn voic- es re- sound Thy prais - es



pro- claims in ev - 'ry hour; night un-to night_ re- ply ing, o'er ev 'ry tribe_and na raise; tion the mu - sic strange is heav'n; how pure,_howsoul__ re- stor ing Thy Gos pel's heav'n ly so let my whole be hav ior, thoughts, words and ac-tions still;



land,__ O Lord, with voice__ un - dy ing, the won-ders of Thy hand.

poured, the song of all___ cre - a - tion, to Thee, cre - a - tion's Lord.

ray,__ a bright - er ra - diance pour ing than noon of bright est day.

be,__ O Lord, my Strength, my Sav ior, one cease less song to Thee.

Words: Psalm 19:1-6; 14; Thomas R. Birks, 1874. Music: Rick Barnes, 2011.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O Lord, we Your creatures behold Your glory in the heavens and in the earth and all that dwells therein.

We Your redeemed saints see Your glory fully displayed in the Person and Work of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ.

We laud and magnify Your resplendent Majesty.

We praise You and extol You for Your infinite love.

We bow before Your throne in humble adoration.

Be forever praised Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, blessed forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Joe Strickland

Matthew 18:1-14

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

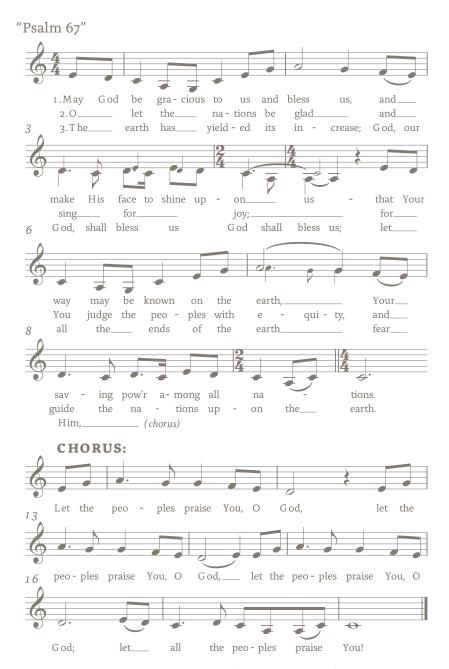
⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

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

HYMN OF MISSION



Words: Psalm 67. Music: Adam Wright, 2018 (Corner Room Music).

SECOND READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, what ever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

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

M HYMN OF THE CROSS

"Lift High the Cross"

Refrain:
Lift high the cross,
The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore
His sacred name.

Come, brethren, follow Where our Savior trod, Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

O Lord, once lifted On the glorious tree, As thou hast promised, Draw men unto thee. (Refrain)

Thy kingdom come,
That earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow
Of its healing peace.
(Refrain)

For thy blest cross Which doth for us atone, Creation's praises Rise before thy throne. (*Refrain*)

Words: George W. Kitchin, 1887; Rev. by Michael R. Newbolt, 1916; alt. 1990. Music: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1916.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"To the Lamb on the Throne" Chancel Choir

"Worthy the Lamb..."

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, And publish abroad His wonderful name; The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all. "Worthy the Lamb..."

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
"Worthy the Lamb..."

God rules in the height, almighty to save; Though hid from our sight, His presence we have. The great congregation, His triumph shall sing, Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King. "Worthy the Lamb..."

Then let us adore, and give Him His right, All glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might, All honor and blessing, with angels above, And thanks never ceasing and infinite love. "Worthy the Lamb!"

Words: "Ye Servants of God," Charles Wesley, 1744. Music: Dan Forrest, 2015.

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.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taylor Brown

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 20.

Children are dismissed at this time.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Charlie Regan

M THIRD READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹"Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. 32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

All flesh is like grass,

And all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flowers fades,

But the word of our God stands forever.

MESSAGE

'JESUS RECONCILES US"
Sandy Willson

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. If you are not communing but would like to participate, come forward and fold your hands, and you will receive a prayer of blessing from the server.

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

Prayer of Confession

Loving Father,
Who in Your infinite kindness has forgiven us all our sin
and Who has commanded us to forgive one another,
we humbly confess that our zeal for Your commandment has often flagged,
and our obedience to Your Word has fallen short,
and we are without excuse;
therefore, we again humbly beg for Your pardon
and ask for Your cleansing and renewal
that we may display Your love to one another
and seek reconciliation with all our neighbors
to the end that Jesus Christ be exalted,
now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

—Psalm 51:7-10

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.

M Apostle's 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.

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.

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

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.

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee, Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne; It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be Ever only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1874. Music: H. A. Cesar Malan, 1827.

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, we thank You for the gospel of Jesus Christ, by which we are saved.

We thank You for Your Word, by which we are graciously instructed. We thank You for Your Spirit, Who comforts and encourages us. We thank You for this Holy Supper, which unites us in one holy

We thank You for this Holy Supper, which unites us in one holy fellowship.

Receive our grateful praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

◯ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Psalm 25"





BENEDICTION

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Children's Worship Information. Following the Sunday morning worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

Rising 4K & Kindergarten • C221 (available for the entire worship hour)

Rising 1st-4th Grades • C316 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

Congregational Meeting. All communing members of Covenant, please join us morning for a congregational meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to hear an update from our Strategic Vision Committee regarding our ongoing reconciliation process.

Covenant's 40th Anniversary. On October 7 we will have a special morning service, Sunday School hour, and luncheon to celebrate Covenant's 40th anniversary! All are invited as we take a look back at the last 40 years at Covenant and look ahead to the next 40 years of ministry.

Mom's Summer Study. We have several summer opportunities for moms of all ages to connect, refresh, and be encouraged in motherhood by gathering with other women and spending time in the Word. Our next study is tomorrow, July 16 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.. in the Dining Room. (Nursery will be provided.) Questions? Contact Katie Flores at kflores@covpres.com.

New Hampshire Mission Trip. For eight years Covenant has taken teams to serve in New England. July 23-27 we are sending 16 people to serve alongside a PCA church in Manchester, NH. Will you consider contributing to the cost of the trip? You may contact Dan Edwards (dedwards@covpres.com) to donate, or mark a check for New England Mission and forward it to Meg Cotney in the office. Also, please pray for our team: the Flores family; the Stone family; Nancy and Jim Wall; Burney Johnson; Phyllis Hamm; Meg Cotney; and Leslie and Dan Edwards.

New Members' Class. Our next new members' class is August 17-19. We meet Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Sunday during Sunday School, and lunch on Sunday from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Childcare is provided for each session. You will be taken through all of the new member information and will have ample opportunities to ask questions and discuss beliefs. If you would like to attend, please contact Victoria Williams at vwilliams@covpres.com.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: July 15-21, 2018

SUNDAY, July 15

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons) 9:00 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | rising 4K through rising 4th grade

10:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary) 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sr. High Grow & Go (Youth Rooms)

MONDAY, July 16 Jr. High departs for their Mystery Trip

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose*

6:30-8:30 p.m. College Ministry: Monday Dinner

(3416 Water Oak Drive)

TUESDAY, July 17

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Game On*

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Nursery & MDO Summer Play Day*

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose*

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

Laura Tucker sharing at the home of Maggie Brooke

(4325 Altamont Road 35213)

WEDNESDAY, July 18

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Game On*

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose*

THURSDAY, July 19

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Game On*

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Nursery & MDO Summer Play Day*

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose*

FRIDAY, July 20

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose*

*pre-registration required

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Dave Driskill, July 16-22).



NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

beginning August 12

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

will meet at 9:15AM

GATHERED WORSHIP will begin at 10:30AM

As we seek to share the gospel with our community, we believe this change will enhance our ability to reach out to our neighbors who do not yet have a church home.

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John Wood

DEACONS

Charles White

2018 2019 2020

Brandon Bishop Jim Bennett Tripp Alexander
Nathan Collums Gary Gorham Paul Darden
John Harrelson Keith Harrelson Jay Evans
Randall Lancaster Jeff Hayes Bryan Flores
Matt Searson Steve Killgore John Gant

Patrick Strong Steve Pfitzer John David Gray

Darrell Tucker Brent Powell Marty Martin

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William Slappey John Shults
Billy Tapscott Danny Smith
Robert Stephens

Clark Worrell

Mark Taylor

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 Barbara Thompson

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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 2018.

JULY READING PLAN

	JOB	ACTS
2	□ 24-25	□ 10:9-48
3	□ 26-27	□ 11
4	□ 28-30	□ 12
5	□ 31-32	□ 13:1-25
6	□ 33-34	□ 13:26-52
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10	□ 2-3	□ 16:1-15
11	□ 4-6	□ 16:16-40
12	□ 7-9	□ 17:1-15
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17	□ 23-24	□ 20:1-16
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27	□ 50-52	□ 27:1-26
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