

# The Lord's Service

May 24, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

## God Calls Us

*In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet God in worship.*

### Call to Worship

God sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ. God also invites us to worship and we find several invitations to worship in Scripture.

Call to Worship

Psalm 47.1-7

LEADER: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Hymn of Adoration

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
Before his throne rejoice;  
Praise is his gracious choice.  
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend;  
To us he'll condescend;  
His love shall never end.  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Praise yet our Christ again,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore,  
His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore,  
"Alleluia! Amen!"

## Invocation

Psalm 25.1-5

O LORD, to You, we lift our hearts; to You, we offer our praise and adoration; even our very lives. Be pleased to make known to us Your will and Your ways. Lead us in Your truth and teach us. For You, alone, O God, are the One Who saves, the One in Whom we trust, the One upon Whom we wait. We worship You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God; blessed be Your glorious name forever. Amen.

## God Cleanses Us

### Call to Confession

Luke 6.27-28, 31, 35-36

LEADER: But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

### Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

### Call to Confession

As we worship God we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. His Holy Scripture reveal this to us and points our heart towards confession.

And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

*Seated or kneeling.*

### **Family Confession of Sin**

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time for silent confession, but also confession as a family of individuals equally in need of God's grace.

### **Family Confession of Sin (in unison)**

**Almighty, eternal God and Father,  
we confess and acknowledge unto You  
that we were conceived in unrighteousness  
and are full of sin and transgression in all our life.  
We do not fully believe Your Word  
nor follow Your holy commandments.  
Remember Your goodness, we beseech You,  
and for Your Name's sake be gracious unto us,  
and forgive us our iniquity which truly is great.  
Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

1 Peter 1.3-5

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

# God Consecrates Us

## Scripture Lesson

Ezekiel 20.33-44

**LEADER:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## Prayer of the Church

Adoration: (Psalm 93.1-2)

For God's reign, His rule, His sovereignty over great  
and small

For God's perfections, His majesty, His beauty

For God's wisdom, His justice, His holiness

For God's goodness, His power, His grace

Thanksgiving: (Psalm 107.1-3)

For our salvation full and free in Jesus

For God's faithful and abundant provision (materially,  
spiritually)

For our church, family, friends, counselors, community

Intercession: (Philippians 4.6-7)

For advance of the Gospel, God's saving health to the  
nations

For wisdom, skill and fortitude for those in authority,  
healthcare workers

For containment and reversal of COVID –19

For wisdom in how we each may manifest Christ in  
plenty and want

For specific requests for others, ourselves

For God's glory alone in all matters

**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**

## Scripture Lesson

We hear Holy Scripture  
throughout our time in  
worship, but this  
lesson (reading),  
prepares us for  
the lesson of the sermon.

## Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and  
sickness, happiness and  
sorrow, assurance and  
doubt, as we bring our  
prayers to God, together.  
Holy Scripture commands  
pastors to pray with and for  
God's people, not just in  
corporate worship, but  
privately, as well.

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.

### *Doxology*

A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory.

### 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.

### Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture through the service, but this lesson (reading) guides the sermon.

### Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 6.14-18

### Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Holy Scripture by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Sermon

Pastor John Jones

### SEPARATION

### \*Hymn of Response

*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 heav'n he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish,  
Is with her to the end;  
Though there be those that hate her,  
And false sons in her pale,  
Against both foe and traitor  
She ever shall prevail.

\*Confession of Faith (in unison)

*The Apostles' Creed*

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic<sup>†</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Confession of Faith**

By confessing our faith together using statements believed by Christians over the ages, we join in the sweep of Christian history even as we await the return of Jesus.

<sup>†</sup> "catholic" -- universal

**\*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, amen.

## God Commissions Us

**\*Closing Greetings**

**Benediction**

Just as God calls us to worship at the beginning of the service with Holy Scripture, He sends us into our week with a Holy Scripture reminder (*a good word*) of the blessing of Christ, by God's grace, through the indwelling Spirit.

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Jones

**Postlude**

Alayne Griffin

# SERMON NOTES

## **Mission Statement of CPC**

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors  
by making Christ known in all of life.*

## **Vision Statement of CPC**

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors  
by reverently and winsomely proclaiming the salvation we have received from Christ,  
the union we enjoy with Him, and the restoration He brings to all things.*