

# The Lord's Service

May 31, 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 34.1-3

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; Let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt his name together!

Hymn of Adoration

*Across the Lands*

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice.

Chorus: You're the author of creation,  
You're the Lord of ev'ry man,  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You stilled the sea.  
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free. (Chorus)  
With a shout You rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave  
And ascended into heaven leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own,  
From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home.

(Chorus)

(2002 Thankyou Music)

## Invocation

Psalm 95.6-7

Our Father in heaven, we come now to worship You and to bow before You the Lord our Maker; for You are our God, and we are Your people. We come to You in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world, our advocate with the Father and the only mediator between God and man. Be pleased, O God, to come and inhabit our praises. Grant us the joy of Your fellowship, speak to us through Your word, and be exalted in our worship, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## God Cleanses Us

### Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 6.10-12

LEADER: And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you - with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant - and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

*Seated or kneeling.*

### Family Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Most holy and merciful Father,  
we confess to You that we have sinned against You  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart  
and mind and strength;**

## 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.

### 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.

we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves;  
we have not always had in us the mind of Christ.  
You alone know how often we have grieved You  
by wasting Your gifts,  
by wandering from Your ways,  
by forgetting Your love.  
Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father,  
and free us from our sin.  
Renew in us the grace and strength  
of Your Holy Spirit,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son, our Savior.  
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

Psalm 29.1-2

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
"Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness."

## God Consecrates Us

### Scripture Lesson

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

### Scripture Lesson

Zephaniah 3.9-13

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 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.**

## 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.

### ***Doxology***

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

### **Scripture Lesson**

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

### **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.

## 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

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

## Sermon

Pastor Eric Mullinax

## CALLED, GIFTED, AND KEPT

## \*Hymn of Response

*For All the Saints*

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*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.**

**\*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.

**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

# God Commissions Us

## **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.

\*Closing Greetings

\*Benediction

Pastor Mullinax

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.*