

# The Lord's Service

## June 7, 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 59.16-17

LEADER: But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress. O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.

Hymn of Adoration

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Come, thou Almighty King,  
Help us thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise.  
Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word,  
Gird on thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy people bless,  
And give thy Word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,  
Now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three  
Eternal praises be,  
Hence evermore.  
His sovereign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.

## Invocation

## Psalm 8

Our Father in heaven, how majestic is Your name! From the rising of the sun to its setting, Your name is to be praised, God Almighty. Hear us in the name of Your son, our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. For He is the revelation of Your wisdom, the outpouring of Your glory, the incarnation of Your mercy to us. To You, be all worship, honor and adoration, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

**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.

## God Cleanses Us

## Call to Confession

## Leviticus 19.18

LEADER: You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

*Seated or kneeling.*

**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.

## 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.

## Scripture Lesson

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

## Family Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Eternal God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
Whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and Whose mercy we forget  
in the blindness of our hearts:  
cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts  
we may draw near to You,  
confessing our faults,  
confiding in Your grace,  
and finding in You our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 33.20-22

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“Our soul waits for the Lord, he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.”

## God Consecrates Us

## Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 23.15-18

**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 Thessalonians 5.9-15

## Sermon

Pastor Jake Bennett

## ENCOURAGEMENT

### \*Hymn of Response

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer.  
Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

**\*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 Bennett

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.*