# The Lord's Service March 29, 2020

## Welcome and Announcements

# God Calls Us

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

## \*Call to Worship

Psalm 95.1-7

LEADER:	Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!	
	Let us come into his presence with	
	thanksgiving; let us make a joyful no	oise to
	him with songs of praise!	
	For the Lord is a great God, and a gr	eat King
	above all gods.	
	In his hand are the depths of the ear	th; the
	heights of the mountains are his also.	
	The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands	
	formed the dry land.	
	Oh come, let us worship and bow de	own; let
	us kneel before the Lord, our Maker	!
	For he is our God,	
	And we are the people of his pasture, and	
	the sheep of his hand.	
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## Hymn of Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy

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*To God Be the Glory* 

### 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.

Invocation

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in whom alone our hearts find rest and peace, be pleased to visit us with Your presence, enable us to worship You, cleansing our hearts by the inspiration of Your Spirit, that we might magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## God Cleanses Us

## Call to Confession

LEADER: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his Word is not in us.

Seated or kneeling.

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.

#### 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

1 John 1.8-10

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.

### 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.

## Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1.13-14

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News,

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

## God Consecrates Us

### Scripture Lesson

2 Timothy 1.3-12 LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

Adoration: (Psalm 92.8)

For God's wonder, His regal splendor, His majesty For His sovereign rule over the past, present, and future

For His infinite power, wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth

<u>Thanksgiving</u>: (Psalm 92.1,2) For our salvation full and free in Jesus For God's faithful and abundant provision (materially, spiritually) For our family, friends, church, community

<u>Intercession</u>: (Psalm 116.1,2)
For advance of the Gospel, God's saving health to the nations, revival
For wisdom, skill, fortitude, courage for all in authority, healthcare workers, scientists, economic and business leaders
For containment, reversal, deliverance from COVID-19

For those of us who feel lonely, bereaved, sick, anxious 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."

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

2 Chronicles 30.1-4; 17-23

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

## IRREGULAR

Hymn of Response

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What A Friend We Have In Jesus

\*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.

### 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.

### **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

### Just as God calls us to worship at the beginning of

Benediction

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. 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,

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.

# **God Commissions Us**

\*Closing Greetings

\*Benediction

Pastor Jones

Postlude







## **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.