

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

September 13, 2020

“Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress,
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.”

“Rock of Ages”
– Augustus Toplady

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

From Isaiah 25

Minister: O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you
have done wonderful things, plans formed of old,
faithful and sure.

**People: Therefore strong peoples will glorify
you;**

**For you have been a stronghold to the poor,
a stronghold to the needy in his distress,
a shelter from the storm and a shade from
the heat;**

Minister: On this mountain the LORD of hosts will
make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of
well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged
wine well refined.

**People: He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears
from all faces, and he will take away the
reproach of his people.**

**All: Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for him, that he might save
us. This is the LORD; we have waited for
him; let us be glad and rejoice in his
salvation.**

+ HYMN OF PRAISE

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

† *Please stand if able*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us
lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful
praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and
stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful
praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's
delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and
sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful
praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle
thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful
praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely giv'n,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of
heav'n,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful
praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Because Christ Jesus died in your place,
for your sins, you are forgiven.

People: Hallelujah! Praise God!

+ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear,
O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear,
O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
let us early turn to thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast loved us, love us still.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children ages 3 through 4th grade dismiss with their teachers for Sunday school. They will return during Communion.

SERMON TEXT

Romans 2:6-16

“6 He will render to each one according to his works: 7 to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; 8 but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. 9 There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, 10 but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. 11 For God shows no partiality.

12 For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. 13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. 14 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law.

15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them 16 on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.”

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “The Wrath of God – for Whom and For What?”

Rev. Dr. Alec Flynt

Romans 2:6-16

THE TABLE

The Lord's Supper

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Prayer of Humble Access

I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live with him and he in me. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Yet Not I but Christ in Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! (2x)

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

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.

† **CLOSING HYMN**

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
“He has done great things,” we will say together
We will feast, and weep no more

We will not be burned, by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

Chorus

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long
O God of Jacob, be my strength

Chorus

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed
You are the faithful One
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

Chorus

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2021: John Bell, Bobby Crow, Robbie Turnipseed

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Tonight – Youth Group from 5:30-7:30p

Tuesday, September 15 –

Crichton Table, bagged lunches handed out at 11:30a.

Wednesday, September 16 –

Community Bible Study (virtual)

Thursday, September 17 –

Men’s Bible Study, 6:30a

Women’s Bible Study, 9:15a & 7:00p

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Day One – Isaiah 45-48; I Corinthians 13

Day Two – Isaiah 49-52; Ps. 69; 1 Cor 14

Day Three – Isaiah 53-55; Psalm 128; 1 Cor. 15

Day Four – Isaiah 56-59; Ps. 70; 1 Cor. 16

Day Five – Isaiah 60-63; 2 Cor. 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering – Please mail your check to 2651 Springhill Ave. Mobile, Alabama 36607 or visit www.covenantpresmobile.org to give your offering.

CovKids Sunday School – CovKids Sunday school takes place during Worship for children ages 3 through 4th grade. Teachers will walk their class over to their classrooms and return during Communion.

Church Work Day – We are looking for people to help at the church Work Morning on September 26, 2020 between 8:00 am and noon. We will be putting pine straw in the flower beds, painting, trimming limbs, pressure washing and other odd jobs. Most of all we will have good fellowship. Please call Brad Hoffman (228-217-1186) if you are available to help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.

Youth Group – Come meet your new small groups and have our first youth group of the year! 5:30-7:30 at the Fitts' house! Dinner will be provided, and students can bring a dessert to share!

New Member Class! Interested in joining the fellowship of Covenant Pres? Would you just like to know more about who we are, what we believe and what it means to be a member? Join us for a new member class on Sunday, September 20th, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Contact Bradee at bradee@covenantpresmobile.org to RSVP.

Calling All Juniors & Seniors! There will be a Junior/Senior Rafting Trip September 25th-27th. We will meet up after school on the 25th. Text or email Rob if your student would like to attend.

Opportunity to Help Students – Tuesdays and Fridays at Covenant, we are providing a learning center to help MCPSS students who are learning virtually. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve God by coming alongside children in our community! You don't have to be a teacher—just a willing helper! If interested, please contact Kitty York at kitty@covenantpresmobile.org or Susan Currier at susanastry@yahoo.com for more information!