

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

October 18, 2020

“Let us equip ourselves against the accusations of Satan with passages of Holy Scripture. If he says, ‘Thou shalt be damned,’ you tell him: ‘No, for I fly to Christ who gave Himself for my sins. In accusing me of being a damnable sinner, you are cutting your own throat, Satan. You are reminding me of God’s fatherly goodness toward me, that He so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. In calling me a sinner, Satan, you really comfort me above measure.’ With such heavenly cunning we are to meet the devil’s craft and put from us the memory of sin.”

– Martin Luther

† CALL TO WORSHIP*From Psalm 136*

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**People: The steadfast Love of the LORD
endures forever**

Minister: Give thanks to the God of gods,

**People: The steadfast Love of the LORD
endures forever**

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**People: The steadfast Love of the LORD
endures forever**

Minister: To him who alone does great wonders,

**People: The steadfast Love of the LORD
endures forever**

Minister: To him who by understanding made the
heavens,

**People: The steadfast Love of the LORD
endures forever**

Minister: To him who spread out the earth above
the waters,

**People: The steadfast Love of the LORD
endures forever**

Minister: It is he who remembered us in our low
estate,

**People: The steadfast Love of the LORD
endures forever**

Minister: and rescued us from our foes,

**People: The steadfast Love of the LORD
endures forever**

† Please stand if able

Minister: he who gives food to all flesh,

**People: The steadfast Love of the LORD
endures forever**

Minister: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**All: The steadfast Love of the LORD endures
forever!**

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow’r are great;
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

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And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: Hallelujah! Praise God!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children ages 3 through 4th grade dismiss with their teachers for Sunday school. They will return at the end of the service.

† HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Behold Our God”

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus:

Behold our God, seated on his throne
Come, let us adore him
Behold our king, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore him

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach, the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Chorus

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Who has felt the nails upon his hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

Chorus

Bridge:

You will reign forever
(let Your glory fill the Earth)

Chorus

SERMON TEXT

Romans 5:6-11

“6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “While We Were Yet Enemies”*Rev. Dr. Alec Flynt**Romans 5:6-11*

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

"How Firm a Foundation"

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word.
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace all sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

+ **BENEDICTION**

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Tonight –

Youth Small Groups

Tuesday, October 20 –

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

Wednesday, October 21 –

Community Bible Study (virtual)

Thursday, October 22 –

Men's Bible Study, 6:30a

Women's Bible Study, 9:15a & 7:00p

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Day One – Lamentations; Psalm 137; 1 Peter 4

Day Two – Obadiah; Jer. 40-42; Ps. 147; 1 Peter 5

Day Three – Jeremiah 43, 44, 46; 2 Peter 1

Day Four – Jeremiah 47, 48, 49; Psalm 80; 2 Peter 2

Day Five – Jeremiah 50-51; 2 Peter 3

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Youth Small Groups – Join us tonight!

MS Boys - 5:00-6:30 @ Crabtrees (129 Eaton Square)

MS Girls - 5:00-6:30 @ McKeans (3902 Hampton Pl)

HS Boys - 7:00-8:30 @ Bells (122 Ryan Avenue)

HS Girls - 7:00-8:30 @ Whighams (51 Oakland Ave)

Outdoor Worship Service – Nov. 1st at 10 a.m.

Let's try this again without the thunderstorm. Bring a chair and let's be together in one service behind the Education Building. This day will also be Name Tag Sunday and our hope is that you to meet someone new. There will be no children's Sunday school this day.

Small Groups – Join a small group this Fall! Contact Lanier at Lanier@covenantpresmobile.org if you are interested in joining a group.