

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

September 12, 2021

“We could not take one step in the pursuit of holiness if God in His grace had not first delivered us from the dominion of sin and brought us into union with His risen Son. Salvation is by grace and sanctification is by grace.”

– Jerry Bridges

† CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 24:1-4

Pastor: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**Congregation: for he has founded it on the
seas, and established it on the rivers.**

Pastor: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Congregation: Those who have clean hands
and pure hearts, who do not lift up their
souls to what is false, and do not swear
deceitfully.**

† HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Psalm 103 (O My Soul With All Thy Powers)”

O my soul with all thy powers,
bless the Lord's most holy name
O my soul till life's last hours,
bless the Lord, His praise proclaim
Thine infirmities He healed,
He thy peace and pardon sealed
O my soul! with all thy powers
Bless the Lord's most holy name

† *Please stand if able*

He with loving-kindness crowned thee,
satisfied thy mouth with good
From the snares of death unbound thee,
Eagle-like thy youth renewed
Rich in tender mercy He,
slow to wrath, to favour free
O my soul! with all thy powers
Bless the Lord's most holy name

Chorus:

Bless the Lord, O my soul
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He will not retain displeasure,
though awhile He hide His face
Nor His God-like bounty measure,
by our merit, but His grace
As the heaven the earth transcends,
over us His care extends
O my soul! with all thy powers
Bless the Lord's most holy name

Far as east and west are parted,
He our sins hath severed thus
As a father, loving-hearted,
spares his son, He spareth us
For He knows our feeble frame,
He remembers whence we came
O my soul! with all thy powers
Bless the Lord's most holy name

Chorus

From eternity enduring,
to eternity, the Lord
Still His people's bliss insuring,
keeps His covenanted word
Yea, with truth and righteousness,
children's children He will bless
O my soul! with all thy powers
Bless the Lord's most holy name

As in heaven, His throne and dwelling,
King on earth He holds His sway
Angels, ye in strength excelling,
bless the Lord, His voice obey
All His works across the Earth,
bless the Lord, proclaim His worth
O my soul! with all thy powers
Bless the Lord's most holy name

Chorus

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
Trinity Hymnal #116

For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty 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 flower
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

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For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs 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.

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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.*

OFFERTORY

† HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Lord, I Need You”

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You’re the one that guides my heart

Chorus:

Lord, I need You, oh I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

(Chorus)

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I’ll fall on You
Jesus, You’re my hope and stay

(Chorus)

SERMON TEXT

Colossians 1:15-18

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the first born from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Isaiah 43:25

“I, I am he
who blots out your transgressions for my own
sake,
and I will not remember your sins.”

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “It’s About God; Big Ideas For Ordinary People”

Rev. Dr. Alec Flynt

Colossians 1:15-18; Isaiah 43:25

THE LORD’S SUPPER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father, Almighty;
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and sitteth
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 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

“Cornerstone”

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest friend
But wholly trust in Jesus name
(2x)

Chorus:
Christ alone
Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the Saviour’s love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

(Chorus)

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

(Chorus 2x)

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.

+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.

+BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, September 12 –

Youth Large Group at the Flynt's, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 14 –

Crichton Table, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 15 –

Community Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 16 –

Men's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Ladies' Bible Study 9:15 a.m. & 6:35 p.m.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Day One – Revelation 19

Day Two – Revelation 20-21

Day Three – Psalm 40

Day Four – Revelation 22

Day Five – Proverbs 13

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THE SESSION

2021: John Bell, Bobby Crow, Robbie Turnipseed

2022: Bubba O’Gwynn, Brad Hoffman, Stephen Fitts,
Jimmy Dawood

2023: Lance Covan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Me is starting today! If you signed up to pray for a student (or if you didn’t, but want to hop on board!) you can come get your assigned student and prayer guide from Rob!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.

Friendship Pads – Friendship pads are at the end of each aisle. Please sign and pass.

Weekly Email – If you'd like to be added to the weekly emails, please contact Marty at marty@covenantpresmobile.org

All 5th graders!! Catechism Club starts TODAY beginning at 12:15-1:30. Let's meet upstairs in the Education Building. We will eat lunch, have some fellowship and talk about Jesus!!

“Big Ideas for Ordinary People” Booklet – Grab a personal Bible Study booklet and follow along with the sermon series this Fall. This is a great way to go deeper in the preached Word each week and you can even join a small group to discuss it in community. Booklets are located at the front and back of the sanctuary.

Small Groups – Looking to grow, get more deeply connected, and enjoy the gift of fellowship? This Fall we'll be going through a series “Big Ideas for Ordinary People.” Email Lanier at Lanier@covenantpresmobile.org if you want help finding a group.

New Member Class September 19 – Interested in finding out more about what it means to be a member at Covenant? Join us September 19th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Email marty@covenantpresmobile.org to reserve your spot.