

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

June 19, 2022

“Worship is the strategy by which we interrupt our preoccupation with ourselves and attend to the presence of God.”

– Eugene Peterson

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 8

Pastor: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Congregation: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Pastor: From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise.

Congregation: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place,

Pastor: What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

Congregation: You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

Pastor: You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet.

Together: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

+Please stand if able

†HYMNS OF PRAISE

*“O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Trinity Hymnal #164*

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears,
‘tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

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Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”
Trinity Hymnal #650

I will sing of my Redeemer,
and his wondrous love to me;
on the cruel cross he suffered,
from the curse to set me free.

Refrain:

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood He purchased me,
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story,
how my lost estate to save,
in his boundless love and mercy,
he the ransom freely gave.

Refrain

I will praise my dear Redeemer,
his triumphant power to tell,
how the victory he giveth
over sin and death and hell.

Refrain

I will sing of my Redeemer
and his heavenly love to me;
he from death to life has brought me,
Son of God, with him to be.

Refrain

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.*

†OFFERTORY

†HYMN OF ASSURANCE*“For All the Saints”*

For all the saints,
who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith
before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus,
be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock,
their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain
in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness
drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Allelu...

O may Thy soldiers,
faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints
who nobly fought of old,
And win with them
the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Allelu...

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The golden evening
brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful
warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm
of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks
a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant
rise in bright array;
The King of glory
passes on his way,
Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

SERMON TEXT

Proverbs 17:17

17 A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 18:24

24 A man of many companions may come to
ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than
a brother.

Proverbs 27:17

17 Iron sharpens iron,
and one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:6

6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Wisdom for Friendship”

Rev. Dr. Alec Flynt

Proverbs 17:17; 18:24; 27:17; & 27:6

THE LORD'S SUPPER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q5. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but One only, the living and true God.

Q6. How many persons are there in the Godhead?

A. There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

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

“Death Was Arrested”

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Chorus:
Oh, Your grace so free
Washes over me
You have made me new
Now life begins with You
It’s your endless love
Pouring down on us
You have made us new
Now life begins with You

Released from my chains I’m a prisoner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began
(Chorus)

Our savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began
(Chorus)

Oh, we're free, free
Forever we're free
Come join the song
Of all the redeemed
Yes, we're free free
Forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began
(Repeat)

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.

PRAYING FOR MISSIONS

Women's Resource Center

The mission of the Women's Resource Center, a faith-based ministry, is to provide medically accurate information about pregnancy, fetal development, lifestyle issues, and other related services.

Pray for WRC and their team of nurses, counselors, and staff as they counsel, love, and support young mothers in our city toward life and hope in Christ.

+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. Amen. Amen.

+BENEDICTION

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Tuesday, June 21 –

Crichton Table, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 22 –

Breakfast Bible Club, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 23 –

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

FrisBible, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

ELDERS

Bubba O'Gwynn, Brad Hoffman, Stephen Fitts,
Jimmy Dawood, Lance Covan, Forrest Crabtree,
Joe Currier, & Joe Hastings

DEACONS

Don Breter, Kelley Lamberth, Victor Streed, Kenneth
Taylor, & Linda Turnipseed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting! Please join us at 10:30 a.m. this morning to elect members of the elder and deacon nominating committee.

Worship Team – If you are interested in serving the church by using your musical gift(s) in worship, please email whitney@covenantpresmobile.org

July Term Sunday Night Class – Make plans to join us Sunday evenings starting July 10th from 6:30-7:45 for our J-term class “It’s Meant to Be Shared: Getting Comfortable Sharing the Hope of the Gospel.” More details are available on our website. Childcare will be available for third grade and under. Email marty@covenantpresmobile.org to reserve your child’s spot.

Youth FrisBible – This Summer, will gather at Springhill College every Thursday (except youth retreat weeks) from 5:00-6:30 p.m. to play frisbee and read the Bible. To be added to the youth messages, please contact rob@covenantpresmobile.org.

Cypress Grove is Hiring! Part-time positions are open for the 2022-23 school year. For more information, please contact Liz Kennedy, liz@cypressgroveacademy.org.

Furniture Needed for Cypress Grove – Contact liz@cypressgroveacademy.org if you can donate.

(Late) Breakfast Bible Club for rising K–rising 2nd graders June 22 and July 13 and 27 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

CovKids Crichton Table for rising 3rd-5th graders from 11:30-1:00 on June 28 and July 12, 19 and 26.