

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

March 9, 2025

“Joy is not a requirement of Christian discipleship, it is a consequence. It is not what we have to acquire in order to experience life in Christ; rather it is what we experience when we are walking with Christ in faith and obedience.”

– Eugene Peterson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43:19-21

Pastor: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

Congregation: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Pastor: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

Congregation: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Pastor: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Together: We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

HYMNS OF PRAISE

“This is My Father’s World”

This is my Father’s world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres
This is my Father’s world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father’s world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker’s praise
This is my Father’s world
He shines in all that’s fair
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father’s world
O let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet
This is my Father’s world
The battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied
And earth and heaven be one

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Because Jesus Christ 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

*Prayer cards are located in the pews. If you'd like our
prayer team to pray for you, please fill out a card and
drop it in the offering plate.*

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HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“My Worth is Not in What I Own”

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

Chorus:

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure, Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross
(Chorus)

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross
(Chorus)

SERMON TEXT

John 12:12-26

12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” 14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

15 “Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. 17 The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. 18 The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. 21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” 22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “To Be His”

John 12:12-26

Rev. Dr. Alec Flynt

THE LORD'S SUPPER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

New City Catechism

Q11. What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

A. Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.

Q12. What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

A. Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.

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

“Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”

Christ is my firm foundation,
the rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken,
I’ve never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus,
‘cause He’s never let me down
He’s faithful through generations,
so why would He fail now

Chorus:
He won’t, He won’t

I’ve still got joy in chaos,
I’ve got peace that makes no sense
So I won’t be going under,
I’m not held by my own strength
‘Cause I’ve built my life on Jesus,
He’s never let me down
He’s faithful in every season,
so why would He fail now

Chorus Two:
He won’t, He won’t
He won’t fail, He won’t fail
(Repeat)

Verse One

Chorus Two

Bridge:

Rain came and wind blew
but my house was built on You
I'm safe with You, I'm going to make it through
(Repeat)

Tag:

I'm gonna to make it through,
'cause I'm standing strong on You
I'm gonna make it through,
'cause my house is built on You

Christ is my firm foundation,
the rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken,
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus,
He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations,
so why would He fail now

Chorus Three:

He won't, He won't
He won't fail, He won't fail
(Repeat)

No, He won't

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. Amen. Amen.

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, March 9

Youth Group, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11

Biscuits & Bibles (Boys), 6:30 a.m.

Crichton Table, 11:00-12:30

Wednesday, March 12

Biscuits & Bibles (Girls), 6:30 a.m.

Community Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

CovGirls Bible Club, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Youth Membership Class, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 13

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

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

Friday, March 14

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

ELDERS

Bubba O'Gwynn, Chris Estis, Wes Pipes, Bobby Crow,
David Wilhelm, Forrest Crabtree, Joe Currier, & Mark
Spivey

DEACONS

Kenneth Taylor, Linda Turnipseed, Foster Veazey, Kim
Padgett, Chad Cross, Dana Renta, Brenda Gross, Sue
Buffkin, & Mac Outlaw

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent Books are Here – Pick up a copy in the back of the sanctuary or the church office.

Youth Group is Back – We will see you today from 4:30-6:00!

Palm Sunday – Join us Sunday, April 13 at 10:00 for one worship service outside. There will be an egg hunt at 9:30, gathering at 9:45 for the donkey parade, and picnic lunch afterward. Dress is casual. Come celebrate King Jesus!

Youth Membership Class Dates – Classes start this Wednesday, March 12th and **dinner will be provided**. Please reach out to sonny@covenantpresmobile.org with any questions.

Catechism Club is Today! Fifth graders, join us in the Youth Room at 10:20.

RYM Camp for High schoolers & Middle School

If you haven't already, sign up for RYM camp! Middle schoolers will go to Texas August 2-6 and high schoolers will go to Panama City July 8-13. High school is waitlist only and there are seven spots in middle school. This will be the best week of your child's summer!

Mark Your Calendars for VBS! Vacation Bible School at Covenant is June 16-19. Registration opens late April. If you'd like to help this summer, please email Sarah@covenantpresmobile.org. Leaders interest meeting is Sunday, April 27th at 10:20 & 12:20.