

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

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“The glory that God has in himself, is his intrinsic glory. Glory is essential to the Godhead, as light is to the sun: he is called the “God of Glory.” Glory is the sparkling of the Deity; it is so co-natural to the Godhead, that God cannot be God without it.”

– Thomas Watson

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Isaiah 25

Pastor: O LORD, you are our God; we will exalt you; we will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things.

Congregation: For you have been a strong hold to the poor, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;

Pastor: On his mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine.

Congregation: And He will swallow up death forever; the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from every eye,

Pastor: He will take away the reproach of his people.

Together: Behold, this is our God; this is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

HYMNS OF PRAISE

“And Can It Be”

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior’s blood
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me
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He left His Father’s throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam’s helpless race
‘Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature’s night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

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No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

“Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Oh Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe
And in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be

Oh Light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to Thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
And in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter fairer be

Oh Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

Oh Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from Thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (9:00)

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.*

SENIOR SUNDAY (11:00)

Parker Crabtree

Noble Fitts

J-Roe Hand

Perry Hand

Haas Harvill

Caroline Hollingsworth

Dixon Massey

Ann Louise McKean

Bennett Roe

Elizabeth Warren

Malcolm Warren

Will Watkins

Robert Whigham

Camille Wood

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“He Will Keep You”

I lift my eyes and see
I need not be afraid
All my help comes from the Lord
Who the earth and sky has made

He will keep you from all evils
Behind you and before
He will sustain you, through this journey
From now and evermore

The Lord will never sleep
My steps He has ordained
For the One who holds the night
Is the Sovereign of my days

He will keep you from all evils
Behind you and before
He will sustain you, through this journey
From now and evermore (Repeat)

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Behind you and before
He will sustain you, through this journey
From now and evermore

SERMON TEXT

Genesis 28:10-22

10 Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran.
11 And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. 12 And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! 13 And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. 14 Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” 16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.” 17 And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

18 So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. 19 He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. 20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, 21 so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, 22 and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Jacob’s Ladder”

Genesis 28:10-22

Rev. Dr. Alec Flynt

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Non-alcoholic wine will be served during communion. For those who need it, gluten free bread is available on the small table as you come up. Take a piece and continue through the line.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q18. Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

Q19. What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?

A. All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever.

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

“Great Are You Lord”

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

It’s Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It’s Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
To You only

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
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We pour out our praise
It’s Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
To You only (Repeat)

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord (Repeat 2x, Chorus 2x)

“Here I Am to Worship”

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus:

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor (Chorus)

Bridge:

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
(Chorus)

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CovKids Breakfast Bible Club – CovKids ages three through fifth grade, join us this Summer during the morning session of Ladies' Bible Study for breakfast, time in God's word, and playground time.

Summer Sunday School Teachers – In an effort to give our teachers a break this summer, we need help! If you are willing to serve the church by teaching Sunday school, please reach out to whitneybarnett@covenantpres-mobile.org or sign up using the link in this week's email.

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Ladies' Summer Bible Study – Ladies, join us this Summer as we study Jude together. Our study will meet at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Details and registration link is on our website and in our email.

Taste and see what Covenant is cooking up! Calling all cooks, all ages, we are whipping up a churchwide cookbook that's sure to be divine! Send in your favorite family recipes to covcooks@covenantpresmobile.org.

Save the Date for VBS this Summer, June 8-11! This is a great week for kids to hear the Gospel! Invite your friends, neighbors, and grandchildren!

RYM Summer Camp – Middle school still has spots available. High school is waitlist only! RYM Florida Middle School is June 22-26, and RYM Florida High School is July 7-12.

Youth Six Flags One Day Trip! Join us on Wednesday, June 3 as we head to Six Flags for a day of fun! Registration is on our website or in our email. All youth are welcome!

Youth Whitewater Rafting in Montgomery – Join us on Wednesday, July 22 as we head to Montgomery to go whitewater rafting! All youth are welcome. Sign up link is on our website or email.