

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

August 2, 2026

“Storms make oaks take deeper root”

– George Herbert

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 67:3-5

Pastor: Let all the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

**Congregation: Let the nations be glad
and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples
with equity and guide the nations upon
the earth.**

**Together: Let all the peoples praise you,
O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my love my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee
Ever only all for Thee

“Christ is Mine Forevermore”

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore (Repeat)

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore

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.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus:

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ (Chorus)

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Unto the grave what shall we sing
Christ He lives, Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore (Chorus 2x)

SERMON TEXT

James 5:12

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Let Your ‘Yes’ Be ‘Yes’”*James 5:12**Rev. Dr. Alec Flynt***Matthew 5:33-37**

“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ 34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

Ezekiel 36:25

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.”

Jeremiah 31:33

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

2 Corinthians 1:20

“For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.”

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

Q. 30. How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Q. 31. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

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

“Come, Jesus, Come”

Sometimes I fall to my knees and pray
Come, Jesus, come
Let today be the day
Sometimes I feel like I’m gonna break
But I’m holding on
To a hope that won’t fade

Chorus:
Come, Jesus, come
We’ve been waiting so long
For the day You return
To heal every hurt and right every wrong
We need You right now
Come and turn this around
Deep down I know this world isn’t home
Come, Jesus, come

There’ll be no war
And there’ll be no chains
When Jesus comes
Let today be the day
He’ll come for the weak
And the strong just the same
And all will believe
in the power of His name (Chorus)

One day He'll come
And we'll stand face to face
Come and lay it all down
'Cause it might be today
The time is right now
there's no need to wait
Your past will be washed
by rivers of grace. (Chorus)

Come, Jesus, come
Come, Jesus, come

“Give Me Jesus”

In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus

Chorus:
Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus

And when I am alone
Oh and when I am alone
And when I am alone
Give me Jesus (Chorus)

And when I come to die
Oh and when I come to die
And when I come to die
Give me Jesus (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

New Member Class – Interested in finding out about what it means to be a member at Covenant? Join us Sunday, August 30th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. RSVP to kitty@covenantpresmobile.org

Consider Serving on the Worship Team! We are looking for male vocalists, percussionists, and an additional sound technician. Email whitney@covenantpresmobile.org if you are interested. There will be a worship session for those interested, date and time to be determined.

Hurricane & Major Storm Response Team – With hurricane season upon us, the diaconate has a hurricane/major storm response team. If anyone has a need pre-storm or post-storm, please contact Chad (251-525-1414) or Kenneth (318-548-5267). Also, if you are interested in volunteering to be on the response team, let us know as well.

Teach Sunday School this Fall – What an opportunity we have to serve the children of this church. Consider and pray about helping educate these ones this Fall! Reach out to whitneybarnett@covenantpresmobile.org if you are interested or have questions.