

# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



APRIL 7, 2024 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

—Daniel 7:13-14

The goal of God's mission is a comprehensive restoration of the world.

—Mike Gohen

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30 | *Rev. Henry Morris*

11:00 | *Rev. David Driskill*

### ☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him in truth.  
—from Psalm 124:8 and 145:18

### ☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

from "Come Praise and Glorify (Ephesians 1:3-14)"

To the praise of Your glory,  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace,  
To the praise of Your glory,  
You are the God who saves!

### ☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Psalm 72:1-9, 11

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the royal son!  
May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice!

All: *Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness!  
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the children of the needy,  
and crush the oppressor!*

Leader: May they fear you while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

All: *May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth!  
In his days may the righteous flourish,  
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!*

Leader: May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth!  
May desert tribes bow down before him,  
and his enemies lick the dust!

All: *May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations serve him!*


**HYMN OF ADORATION**

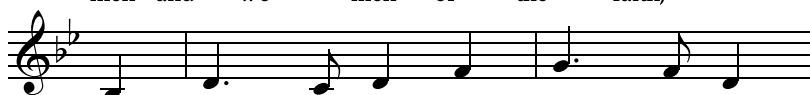
"Come, People of the Risen King"



1. Come, peo - ple of the Ri - sen King,  
 2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun,  
 3. Come, young and old from ev - ery land -



who de - light to bring Him praise;  
 and those weep - ing through the night;  
 men and wo - men of the faith;



come all and tune your hearts to sing  
 come, those who tell of bat - tles won,  
 come, those with full or emp - ty hands -



to the Morn - ing Star of grace.  
 and those strug - gling in the fight.  
 find the rich - es of His grace.



From the shift - ing shad - ows of the earth  
 For His per - fect love will nev - er change,  
 Ov - er all the world, His peo - ple sing -



we will lift our eyes to Him,  
 and His mer - cies nev - er cease,  
 shore to shore we hear them call



where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach  
 but fol - low us through all our days  
 the Truth that cries through ev - ery age:



to\_\_\_ gath - er chil - dren in.  
with the cer - tain hope of peace.  
"Our\_\_\_ God is all in all!"

## CHORUS:



Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev -'ry tongue re - joice!



One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, re - joice!

**READING FROM THE PROPHETS**

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of Yahweh  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say:  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of Yahweh.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Most Merciful God,  
We confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
Grant us a holy grief that honors you.  
Move us to genuine repentance for your Name's sake.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, Amen.*

## ☒ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:9

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you forgiveness of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

**☒ CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer 45*

Leader: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

*First, by his resurrection he has overcome death,  
so that he might make us share in the righteousness  
he obtained for us by his death.*

*Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.*

*Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us  
of our blessed resurrection.*

**☒ GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end.  
Amen, amen.



## GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

*Congregational Hymn*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood,  
Come and rejoice in His great love.  
O praise Him, alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin,  
Cast all your burdens now on Him.  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign.  
Heaven and earth will join to say:  
"O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King.  
O praise Him, O praise Him.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu...  
O praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS***11:00 service*

Caroline Baker

Hayes Heide Jr.

Ann Bradley Barlotta

Beck Henry

Jack Birchall

Bennett Howell

Brasher Bowden

Filipp Kukushkin

Garner Burton

Sofia Kukushkina

Billy Cochran

Louise Ledbetter

Hal Coffey

Elizabeth McBride

Hank Cullum

Bond Meadows

Sam Donald

June Moore

Luke Fante

D'Moray Morris

Rosalie Ford

Daniel O'Connor Jr.

William Graham III

Walt Pennebaker

Ellie Powell	Stella Walton
Calvin Rein	Thomas Ward
Reese Roberts	Edward Weston
Pate Russell	Stewart Weston
Bennett Sharpe	Martha Rodes Worrell
Robert Spiller	Thomas Young
Amelie Stigler	
Anna Strid	
Samuel Strong	
Bo Stuermann	
Elliot Wachter	
Harrison Walker	

**PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS***11:00 service*

Natalie Callahan

Ella

Joy Chamberlain

Susan Coxhead

Blair and Cooper Herrington

Elizabeth and Bob Hollis

Kate and Virginia

Anna and Jason Johnsey

Katherine Louise

Beverly and John McNeil

Eli Mivedor

Adrienne and Bill Moore

June, Ivey, and Billy

Joy Richardson

Weathers and Thomas Rollings

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## MEMBERSHIP VOWS

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

—*Book of Church Order*

 **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Christ is Risen!

*He is Risen, indeed!*

The peace of the LORD be with you.

*And also with you.*

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

The "passing of the peace" plays a significant role in our liturgy. It precedes our coming to the Lord's Table because this sacrament manifests and celebrates our unity in Christ as one body. 1 Corinthians 11:18-19 implores us not to let factions and divisions remain in our midst. Thus, the peace calls us to move toward our brothers and sisters as Christ moves toward us in reconciling grace and mutual love.

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*See page 24 for all of our Ministry Announcements. Please fill out the attendance pad in your pew and pass it down.*

**Children's Worship.** Children in 3K (3 years old before 9/1/23) through Kindergarten are invited to Children's Worship during the Passing of the Peace. Children leave from the foyer of the Sanctuary and walk to C221 with staff and volunteers. Children will rejoin their families for Communion, so please help your child find you by watching for him or her.

**Enfold Disability Ministry.** Our church seeks to embrace and enfold people affected by disability. Please let an usher know how we can support and accommodate your needs during worship.

## THE MORNING PRAYERS

**READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Leader: Every word of God proves true.

All: *He is a shield to those who take refuge in him.*

*Lord, please galvanize us with your gracious vision for our whole body, our neighbors, and the nations. Renew among us a genuine eagerness to tell our neighbors the good news and help plant new churches near and far. Grant us persistent joy, practical wisdom, and patient endurance as we live out your great commission. Strengthen us as we labor to see people from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, baptized into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Risen Lord Jesus, reorder us again and again to love your teachings, so that by the Holy Spirit we will be enabled more and more to help one another, our neighbors, and the nations observe all that you have commanded us. King Jesus, help us believe you are with us to the end of this short, present age to accomplish your gracious mission. To this end, grant us, your forgiven people, power from the Holy Spirit as we repent and call others to repentance and as we forgive and announce forgiveness in Jesus' name.*





## LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Congregation, please read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

### **Words of Institution**

Mark 14:22-25; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

### **Confession: Our Confident Access in Jesus Christ**

Leader: In Jesus, the Son of God, we have a sympathetic,  
great high priest who lives for us.

*All: He was delivered up for our trespasses  
and raised for our justification.  
After making purification for sins,  
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.*

Leader: Let us, therefore, with confidence draw near  
to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy  
and find grace to help us in our time of need.

## **Prayer of Consecration and the Lord's Prayer**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast and united in ministry with your people in every place.

This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

*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.*

## **Invitation to the Table**

All who are united in Christ Jesus by faith and are baptized, communing members of His visible Church are invited to come to the Lord's Table. An usher will prompt each pew when it is time to come forward to receive the bread and the cup, and then you will return to your seat. If you are not partaking of these elements, you may stay in your seat or come forward with your fellow worshipers and cross your hands in front of your chest. The one serving communion will pray a brief prayer for you or pronounce a blessing over you.

## HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

*Congregation, please join in singing the hymns during Communion.*

### "He is Risen"



1. He is ris - en, He is ri - sen and the stone is rolled a - way.
2. Death is beat - en, sin is van - quished, God's just wrath is sat - is - fied.
3. Je - sus ris - en is re - turn - ing. We are long - ing for the day



He is ris - en, He is ris - en, prov - en by the emp - ty grave.  
Christ is ris - en, Christ ex - alt - ed, seat - ed at the Fa - ther's side.  
when the King will bring the king - dom; for this bless - ed hope we wait.



7 Touch His wounds, His hands, His sides, 7 And leave all your doubts be  
His bo - dy torn, our liv - ing way, our liv - ing hope, His bo - dy  
The trum - pet sounds and we are changed, and we will see Him face to  
Tag: The trum - pet sounds and we are changed, and death it - self will pass a -



hind. He is ris - en, He is ris - en, He is ris - en and a - live! (to v. 2)  
raised. He is ris - en, He is ris - en, He is ris - en from the grave. (chorus)  
face. Je - sus ris - en, Je - sus ris - en, Je - sus ris - en from the grave. (chorus)  
way. We are ris - en, with Him ris - en, ful - ly ris - en from the grave. (FINE)  
(we are)

### Chorus:



He is ris - en, He is ris - en, This is all my hope and stay;



He is ris - en, He is ris - en He is ris - en from the grave! 1 - to v. 3  
2 - to Tag

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name,  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall;  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball.  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng,  
We at His feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

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And crown Him Lord of all.

## "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
 He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm;  
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;  
 My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
 Fullness of God in helpless Babe;  
 This gift of love and righteousness,  
 Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died,  
 The wrath of God was satisfied;  
 For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
 Light of the world by darkness slain;  
 Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
 Up from the grave He rose again;  
 And as He stands in victory,  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
 From life's first cry to final breath  
 Jesus commands my destiny;  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
 Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
 'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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 Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
 'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: April 7 - 13, 2024

### SUNDAY, April 7

- 8:30 am Gathered Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School (see page 25 for adult communities)
- 11:00 am Gathered Worship

### MONDAY, April 8

- 8:15 am Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)
- 6:00 pm Women's Beatitude Living: A Christ-Centered  
12-Step Group (Tower Room)

### TUESDAY, April 9

- 12:00 - 1:00 pm Women's Study: The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly of Work  
Reimagined & Redeemed (Fellowship Hall)  
*lunch available beginning at 11:30*
- 1:00 pm Women's Prayer for Prodigals (300)

### WEDNESDAY, April 10

- 5:30 - 7:30 pm The Marriage Course (Fellowship Hall)  
*pre-registration required*

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**London Mission Trip Interest Meeting.** We still have several spots open for the London mission trip July 1 - 8. *If you are interested, join us for a brief informational meeting today after the 11:00 am worship service in Henry Morris' office.* You also can email Henry at [hmorris@covpres.com](mailto:hmorris@covpres.com). Our team will participate in the LEAP project in Hounslow, London, alongside SERGE missionaries. It will involve cross-cultural training regarding the major religions of the world in the morning and low-key outreach events in the afternoons.

**Come to the Table.** Come to the Table is a ladies' event that focuses on local missions combined with a meal around a table in your neighborhood. Join us Friday, April 12, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm at Covenant to hear about The Lovelady Center, volunteer opportunities, and Portraits of Hope, a ministry focused on supporting graduates of The Lovelady Center. After the program we will gather in homes in our neighborhoods for dinner to fellowship and establish deeper connections with the women in our church we live closest to. *Please register at [covpres.com/events](http://covpres.com/events) today!*

**Men's Breakfast.** Our next Men's Breakfast is Tuesday, April 16 at 6:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great time of fellowship with some really good food!

**Children's Summer Fun.** Registrations are now open for Vacation Bible School, Bonus Days, Built for a Purpose, and Game On! Visit [covpres.com/childrens-summer-activities](http://covpres.com/childrens-summer-activities) for details and to register.

**Hymn Sing.** Mark your calendars for our annual spring Hymn Sing on April 28 at 5:00 pm! We will enjoy worship in The Pit with dinner immediately following.

**Worship Guide Alternatives.** We have two alternative worship guides available for those who might benefit: a lyrics-only worship guide (no music notes) and a large-print worship guide. Please ask an usher for a copy!

**Scripture Memory.** Our church-wide scripture memory for the Easter Season (March 31 - May 18) is Romans 6:22-23:

*But now that you have been set free from sin  
and have become slaves of God,  
the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.  
For the wages of sin is death,  
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*



# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

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9:45 a.m.

*Directional signs are located throughout the church.*

**COLLEGE** | FELLOWSHIP HALL    *College age*  
**THRESHOLD** | 304    *20s and 30s*  
**KING'S TABLE** | 201    *30s*  
(Pastor: Josh Johnson)

**CROSSPOINTE** | 100    *mid 30s to mid 40s*  
**CORNERSTONE** | 104    *late 30s to late 40s*  
(Pastor: John Fountain)

**LIGHTHOUSE** | 305    *late 30s to early 50s*  
**KINGDOM BUILDERS** | 301    *late 50s to early 70s*  
(Pastor: David Driskill)

**FOUNDATIONS** | 303    *early 40s to early 50s*  
**LIVING STONES** | DINING ROOM    *late 40s to early 60s*  
(Pastor: Henry Morris)

**COMMUNITY** | 300    *All ages and life stages*  
**OPEN DOORS & UPPER ROOM** | 101    *late 60s and above*  
(Pastor: Marty Crawford)

**YOUTH** | YOUTH AREA    *Students grades 7-12*  
(Pastor: John Fountain)

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## HYMN CREDITS

Find our gathered worship playlist at [covpres.com/music-worship](http://covpres.com/music-worship).

*"Come Praise and Glorify (Ephesians 1:3-14)"*

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*"Come, People of the Risen King"*

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*"Gloria Patri"*

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*"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

Words: St. Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225; tr. by William H. Draper, 1926. Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN.

*"He is Risen"*

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*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

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*"In Christ Alone"*

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## RESOURCES

Our pastors are using the following resources as they study and prepare for their sermons.

*A Biblical Theological Introduction to the New Testament*, Michael J. Kruger  
*Calvin's Commentaries Volume XVI: Harmony of Matthew, Mark, Luke*, John Calvin  
*Echoes of Scripture in the Gospels*, Richard B. Hays

*Matthew*, Craig S. Keener

*Matthew: A Mentor Commentary (Volume 2: Chapters 14-28)*, Knox Chamblin

*Matthew: The NIV Application Commentary*, Michael J. Wilkins

*Reading Matthew*, David E. Garland

*Reading the New Testament as Christian Scripture*, Constantine R. Campbell  
 and Johnathan T. Pennington

*The Story Retold*, G. K. Beale and Benjamin J. Gladd

**THE END OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

The crucified Jesus (who claimed to be Israel's King)  
is buried by one disciple (*Matthew 27:57-61*)

Guards are posted to secure the tomb (*Matthew 26:62-66*)

An empty tomb and a Risen Jesus (*Matthew 28:1-10*)

Guards spread a false report (*Matthew 28:11-15*)

King Jesus has All Royal Authority in heaven and on earth;  
he commissions his disciples to make disciples of all nations  
(*Matthew 28:16-20*)