# The Lord's Day in Worship

#### **COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

"...the very creation broke silence at His behest and, confessed with one voice before the cross, that monument of victory, that He Who suffered thereon in the body was not man only, but Son of God and Saviour of all. The sun veiled his face, the earth quaked, the mountains were rent asunder, all men were stricken with awe."

—Athanasius (c. 316-318)

"Jesus' death sends shockwaves through the cosmos. The destruction of the old age commences with his death, while the new heavens and earth dawn at his resurrection."

—G. K. Beale and Ben Gladd

"The resurrection is not a stupendous magic trick but an invasion."

—Tim Keller

"An Easter Celebration" 9:30 & 11:00 services | Chancel Choir

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save;
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Alleluia! Christ arose!

## **WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

8:00 | Rev. Josh Johnson 9:30 | Rev. David Driskill 11:00 | Rev. Marty Crawford

Your dead will live; My bodies will rise.

You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!

For your dew is a dew of light,

and the earth will give birth to the dead.

—Isaiah 26:19

# **© CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

from "All Creatures of Our God and King"

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!

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

# **® RESPONSIVE READING**

from 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 54-57

Leader: I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Jesus Christ is Risen from among the Dead.

All: He is Risen, indeed!

Leader: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

All: "O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?"

Leader: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

All: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

## **M HYMNS OF ADORATION**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Earthly wisdom now reversed, Alleluia! Heaven's King became a curse, Alleluia! Dead and buried, raised again, Alleluia! Death is life and loss is gain, Alleluia!

Lo! Our King is coming soon! Alleluia! He, the Faithful and the True, Alleluia! On the earth, He'll take His stand, Alleluia! Christ, the Temple and the Lamb, Alleluia! ₩ "In Christ Alone"
9:30 & 11:00 services

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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'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain YHWH of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for YHWH has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is YHWH; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* 

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord Jesus Christ,
Mercifully cleanse us from all sin,
And continually keep us in your favor and love,
Since you gave your life for us that we might receive pardon and peace,
And since you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
Forever and ever. Amen.

## **MASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus our Lord was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

—from Romans 4:24-25

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: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" 8:00 service | Congregational Hymn

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne. Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own: Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life Who triumphed o'er the grave, And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and 'round his pierced feet,
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side; Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified! All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me! Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity!

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#### **GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS**

"Hallelujah (Christ on the Mount of Olives)" 9:30 & 11:00 services | Chancel Choir

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Unto God's Almighty Son; Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son!

Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs In holy songs of joy;

Man, proclaim His grace and glory, Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son!

Praise the Lord in songs of joy!
Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy!

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

**Children's Worship (8:00 & 9:30 services).** 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

Matthew 28:1-17

Now after the Sabbath, when the first day of the week was just beginning to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 Now look! There was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled the stone away and sat upon it. 3 And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And the guards quaked and became like dead men because they were so afraid of him. 5But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, you, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has been raised, just as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead and look! He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Look! I have told you." 8 And leaving the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, they ran to tell his disciples. 9 And look! Jesus met them saying, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

"While they were going, look! Some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had happened. <sup>12</sup> And when they had assembled with the elders and had taken counsel, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers <sup>13</sup> and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were sleeping.' <sup>14</sup> And if this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." <sup>15</sup> So they took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

<sup>16</sup>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 they doubted.

All flesh is like grass,
And all its glory is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.

MESSAGE		
Robby Holt		

#### 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.

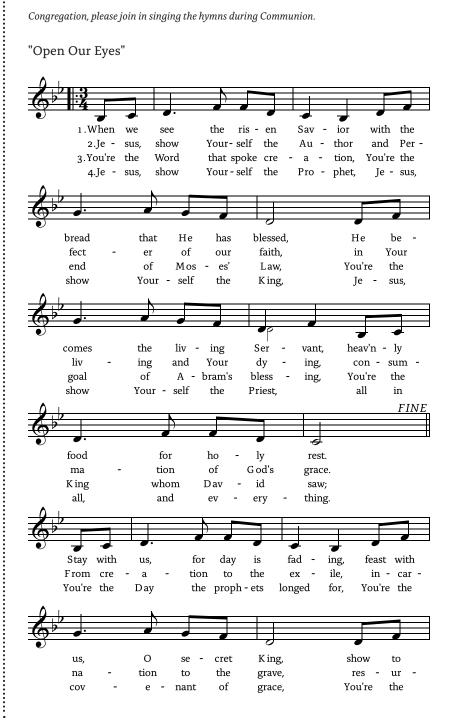
## Invitation to the Table

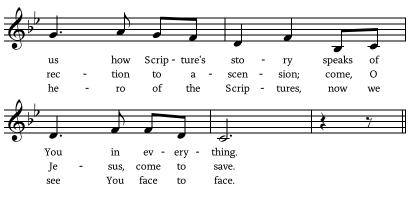
All who are united in Christ Jesus by faith and are baptized, communing members of His visible Church are invited to come to the Lord's Table. An usher will prompt each pew when it is time to come forward to receive the bread and the cup, and then you will return to your seat. If you are not partaking 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.

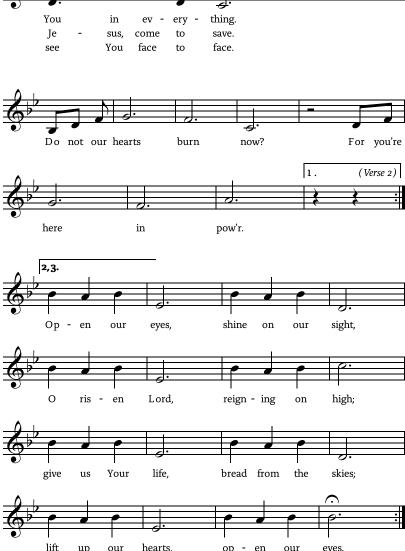
#### HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Congregation, please join in singing the hymns during Communion.

"Open Our Eyes"

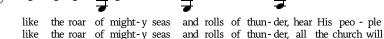


















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Oh, that more would share the prize- Sal - va-tion in His name. Then



great-er will the an-them ring, a might-y chor-us ris ing to the King: (to Chorus)

#### SUNDAY, March 31

6:15 am Sunrise Service (Vulcan Park)
7:00 am Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

8:00 am Gathered Worship9:30 am Gathered Worship11:00 am Gathered Worship

#### **MONDAY, April 1**

6:00 pm Women's Beatitude Living: A Christ-Centered

12-Step Group (Tower Room)

#### **TUESDAY, April 2**

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

#### WEDNESDAY, April 3

5:30 - 7:30 pm The Marriage Course (Fellowship Hall)

pre-registration required

#### MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 by April 7.

London Mission Trip Interest Meeting. We still have several spots open for the London mission trip July 1 - 8. 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. If you are interested, join us for a brief informational meeting on Sunday, April 7 after the 11:00 am worship service in Henry Morris's office. You can also email Henry at hmorris@covpres.com.

**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 copvres.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.

**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.

#### 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**

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"All Creatures of Our God and King"

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"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Words: Latin sequence, 11th century, Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Lyra Davidica, 1708.

"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

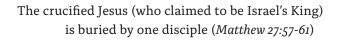
Reading Matthew, David E. Garland

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



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; his followers will make disciples of all nations (*Matthew 28:16-20*)