

COVENANT CHURCH



MARCH 19, 2023 - PREVIEW SERVICE #2!

Welcome

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 117

◆ Sing: Bible Song #189

◆ Invocation

◆ *Congregation Standing*

◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*Unison*)

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 Ghost,
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 Ghost,
the holy catholic¹ church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,

¹ Catholic here means “universal”

by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive us
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

Modified from Book of Common Worship (1993)

◆ Declaration of Pardon

Isaiah 55:6–7 (ESV)

6 “Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

7 let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have
compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

◆ Sing Psalter 44 A

GOD CONSECRATES US

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Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

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.*

Scripture Reading

Luke 7:36-50 (ESV)

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered,

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“Say it, Teacher.” ⁴¹ “A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?” ⁴³ Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” ⁴⁸ And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Sermon

Rev. Brooks Pipher

“What Jesus Thinks of Sinners”

GOD COMMISSIONS US

◆ Sing Psalter 145 C

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◆ Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Announcements

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