

COVENANT CHURCH

AUGUST 6, 2023 — MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:23-25a

◆ Sing: *Psalm 122*

◆ Invocation

◆ 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;

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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.*

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Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Psalm 51:1-4 (ESV)

¹ “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.”

◆ Assurance of Pardon Romans 8:34 (ESV)
Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

◆ Sing: *Psalter 175*

(Children come forward on last stanza)

¹ Catholic here means “universal”

Children's Message

GOD CONSECRATES US

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Jeffrey Kusumi

◆ Sing: *The Doxology*

Hymn #731

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

Ephesians 4:17-29 (ESV)

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which

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belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Sermon

Dr. Edward L. Dalcour

“Living as Christians”

◆ Sing: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!*

Hymn #535

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT THE LORD’S TABLE

The Invitation and Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

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The bread is vegan and gluten-free. The cup is grape juice. It is our custom to hold the elements, and partake together. Please leave your glass cup at your seat.

GOD COMMISSIONS US

- ◆ Sing: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Hymn #598
- ◆ Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

Today Covenant Church welcomes Dr. Edward L. Dalcour to the pulpit. Edward is the President and Director of the Department of Christian Defense, an educational and apologetic ministry. He is a Mentor at Greenwich School of Theology and serves as Vice President of Grace Bible University. Dr. Dalcour holds a Master of Apologetics from Columbia Evangelical Seminary and a Ph.D. in Theology from North-West University. He is a published author of several apologetic and theological books.

Upcoming:

Last Sunday Lunch — August 27, 2023 after the morning worship service.

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