

Covenant Church

Morning Worship — October 15, 2023

Welcome

Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Exodus 15:1b-2

***Sing: Hymn #2, O Worship the King**

***Invocation**

***Confession of Faith (Unison)**

The Apostles' Creed

(Copied from *The Reformation Study Bible, 2015*)

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten 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 arose 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 catholic* church; the communion of saints;

The forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body;

And the life everlasting. Amen.

* The word "catholic" refers to the universal church

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We're very glad to worship
with you this morning.
Covenant Church is a church
of **Prayer, Worship**, and
Loving Our City, while
rejoicing and resting in God —
to his glory.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight — Evening Worship

You're invited to return here
at 6:00 PM for the *Evening
Worship* service. The sermon
text this evening is
1 Peter 1:13-21.

**Saturday (10/28) — Pumpkin
Carving Party & Contest**

Brooks and Amanda's home,
4 PM - 6 PM.

**Friday (11/10) — Chili Bowl
& Cook Off**

Sommerly & Nathanael Roe's
home, 6 PM - 10 PM.

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Psalm 25:8–18 (ESV)

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. ¹¹ For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. ¹² Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. ¹³ His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. ¹⁴ The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. ¹⁵ My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. ¹⁷ The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. ¹⁸ Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

*Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8, 10–14 (ESV)

⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

*Sing: Hymn #44, *How Great Thou Art*

(Children Come Forward on Last Stanza)

Children's Message

GOD CONSECRATES US

Worship of God with Tithes & Offerings

Jeffrey Kusumi

*Sing: Hymn #731, *The Doxology*

Pastoral Prayer (& *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.*

Reading of Scripture

Ephesians 6:10–20 (ESV)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Sermon

“Armor Needed in the Way of Grace”

Sing: Hymn #77, *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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

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: Psalter #115A**

*Benediction

Hebrews 13:20–21

***Sing: Psalter #179**

