

COVENANT CHURCH

APRIL 23, 2023 - LAUNCH SUNDAY! MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Nathaniel Roe

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-5

◆ Sing: *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*

Hymn #53

◆ 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;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

◆ *Congregation Standing*

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,
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)

¹ Catholic here means “universal”

◆ Declaration of Pardon

Psalm 103:8, 10-14 (ESV)

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

¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

¹⁴For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

◆ Sing: *Psalm 30*

(Children come forward on last verse)

Children's Message

GOD CONSECRATES US

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Jeffrey Kusumi

◆ Sing: *The Doxology*

Hymn #731

Pastoral Prayer

◆ *Congregation Standing*

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 1:1-2 (ESV)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:
² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Brooks Pipher

“Identity in Christ Jesus”

◆ Sing *A Debtor to Mercy Alone*

Hymn #463

◆ *Congregation Standing*

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

GOD COMMISSIONS US

◆ Sing *To God be the Glory*

Hymn #55

◆ Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

Announcements

Helping in the Service This Week:

David Manikad (Greeter)

Pam Pipher (Greeter)

Tim Pipher (Greeter)

Nathaniel Roe (Welcome)

Jeffrey Kusumi (Usher)

Alan Coto (Take-Home Table)

Andrew Telthorst (Music)

Toms Sarmulis (Media)

Amanda Pipher (Nursery)

Brett Pipher (Audio)

◆ *Congregation Standing*

