

# COVENANT CHURCH

APRIL 30, 2023! MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Toms Sarmulis

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4

◆ Sing: *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Hymn #100

◆ 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.

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I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic<sup>1</sup> 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)*

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<sup>1</sup> Catholic here means “universal”

◆ Declaration of Pardon

Jeremiah 31:33-34 (ESV)

<sup>33</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

◆ Sing: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Hymn #164

(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

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

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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 1:3-6 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Sermon

Rev. Brooks Pipher

“Forward in Christ”

◆ Sing *A Debtor to Mercy Alone*

Hymn #463

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## **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 *Psalm 56B*

◆ Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Announcements

Upcoming Service Opportunity:

Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7 PM - Assembling Care Packages, at  
Brooks and Amanda's Home, Burbank. 818-237-4251.

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