

COVENANT CHURCH

AUGUST 20, 2023 — MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Andrew Telthorst

Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-3

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

Hymn #53

◆ Invocation

◆ Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism (*Unison*)

Question 1: What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Question 2: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Question 3: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

◆ *Congregation Standing*

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Psalm 40:11-13 (ESV)

¹¹ As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! ¹² For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. ¹³ Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me!

◆ Assurance of Pardon Acts 10:43 (ESV)

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

◆ Sing: *How Firm a Foundation* Hymn #94
(Children come forward on last stanza)

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.

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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 5:1-21 (ESV)

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of

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the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Brooks Pipher

“In the Light of Christ”

◆ Sing: *Psalms 100*

◆ *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

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.

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- ◆ Sing: *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* Hymn #679
- ◆ Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

Upcoming:

Middle and High Youth Group — Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 5 PM to 7 PM. Fun, Food, and Bible Study at Brooks and Amanda's home in Burbank. For more info, contact 818-237-4251.

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

◆ *Congregation Standing*

Covenant Church Conference: *God & Hope in Infertility* —

Save the date! Saturday, October 7, 2023.

More info and invitation to come.

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COVENANT CHURCH

AUGUST 20, 2023 — EVENING WORSHIP

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Rev. Brooks Pipher

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Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:23-25a

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

Hymn# 53

◆ Invocation

◆ Sing: *How Firm a Foundation*

Hymn# 94

(Children come forward on last stanza)

Children's Message

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◆ Sing: *The Doxology*

Hymn #731

Taking Up Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

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Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

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Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:22-38 (ESV)

²² And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. ²³ And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” ²⁴ And he looked up and said, “I see people, but they look like trees, walking.” ²⁵ Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ And he sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.”

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

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³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Sermon

Rev. Brooks Pipher

“The Things of God and The Things of Man”

◆ Sing: *Psalm 100*

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◆ Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

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