

# Covenant Church

Morning Worship — May 19, 2024

## Welcome

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## Announcements

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

#### Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1-3

**\*Sing: Hymn #164, O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

#### \*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 Love for 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 Acts 12:1-25.

#### Last Sunday Lunch

*Next Sunday, May 26*

On the last Sunday of each month, Covenant enjoys a fellowship lunch immediately following the conclusion of *Morning Worship*. The Lord's Supper is celebrated in *Evening Worship* on these Sundays.

#### Men's Study and Fellowship

*Tuesday, June 18*

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM.

*Confessing the Faith.*

Whole Foods in Burbank.

#### Youth Group

**(Middle/High School)**

***An exciting summer schedule coming soon!***

#### Women's Study and Fellowship

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## **GOD CLEANSSES US**

### **Confession of Sin (*Unison*)**

Psalm 51:1-4 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup>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.

### **\*Scriptural Assurance of Pardon**

Micah 7:18-19 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. <sup>19</sup> He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

### **\*Sing: *Psalter #28B***

(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**

Deuteronomy 2:26-3:29 (ESV)

<sup>26</sup> "So I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon the king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying, <sup>27</sup> 'Let me pass through your land. I will go only by the road; I will turn aside neither to the right nor to the left. <sup>28</sup> You shall sell me food for money, that I may eat, and give me water for money, that I may drink. Only let me pass through on foot, <sup>29</sup> as the sons of Esau who live in Seir and the Moabites who live in Ar

did for me, until I go over the Jordan into the land that the LORD our God is giving to us.’<sup>30</sup> But Sihon the king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him, for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that he might give him into your hand, as he is this day.<sup>31</sup> And the LORD said to me, ‘Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to take possession, that you may occupy his land.’<sup>32</sup> Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Jahaz.<sup>33</sup> And the LORD our God gave him over to us, and we defeated him and his sons and all his people.<sup>34</sup> And we captured all his cities at that time and devoted to destruction every city, men, women, and children. We left no survivors.<sup>35</sup> Only the livestock we took as spoil for ourselves, with the plunder of the cities that we captured.<sup>36</sup> From Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and from the city that is in the valley, as far as Gilead, there was not a city too high for us. The LORD our God gave all into our hands.<sup>37</sup> Only to the land of the sons of Ammon you did not draw near, that is, to all the banks of the river Jabbok and the cities of the hill country, whatever the LORD our God had forbidden us.

**3** “Then we turned and went up the way to Bashan. And Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.<sup>2</sup> But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not fear him, for I have given him and all his people and his land into your hand. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.’<sup>3</sup> So the LORD our God gave into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people, and we struck him down until he had no survivor left.<sup>4</sup> And we took all his cities at that time—there was not a city that we did not take from them—sixty cities, the whole region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.<sup>5</sup> All these were cities fortified with high walls, gates, and bars, besides very many unwalled villages.<sup>6</sup> And we devoted them to destruction, as we did to Sihon the king of Heshbon, devoting to destruction every city, men, women, and children.<sup>7</sup> But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities we took as our plunder.<sup>8</sup> So we took the land at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon<sup>9</sup> (the Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, while the Amorites call it Senir),<sup>10</sup> all the cities of the tableland and all Gilead and all Bashan, as far as Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.<sup>11</sup> (For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit.)

<sup>12</sup> “When we took possession of this land at that time, I gave to the Reubenites and the Gadites the territory beginning at Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and half the hill country of Gilead with its cities.<sup>13</sup> The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, that is, all the region of Argob, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh. (All that portion of Bashan is called the land of Rephaim.<sup>14</sup> Jair the Manassite took all the

region of Argob, that is, Bashan, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called the villages after his own name, Havvoth-jair, as it is to this day.) <sup>15</sup>To Machir I gave Gilead, <sup>16</sup>and to the Reubenites and the Gadites I gave the territory from Gilead as far as the Valley of the Arnon, with the middle of the valley as a border, as far over as the river Jabbok, the border of the Ammonites; <sup>17</sup>the Arabah also, with the Jordan as the border, from Chinnereth as far as the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, under the slopes of Pisgah on the east.

<sup>18</sup>“And I commanded you at that time, saying, ‘The LORD your God has given you this land to possess. All your men of valor shall cross over armed before your brothers, the people of Israel. <sup>19</sup>Only your wives, your little ones, and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall remain in the cities that I have given you, <sup>20</sup>until the LORD gives rest to your brothers, as to you, and they also occupy the land that the LORD your God gives them beyond the Jordan. Then each of you may return to his possession which I have given you.’ <sup>21</sup>And I commanded Joshua at that time, ‘Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings. So will the LORD do to all the kingdoms into which you are crossing. <sup>22</sup>You shall not fear them, for it is the LORD your God who fights for you.’

<sup>23</sup>“And I pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying, <sup>24</sup>‘O Lord GOD, you have only begun to show your servant your greatness and your mighty hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as yours?’ <sup>25</sup>Please let me go over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, that good hill country and Lebanon.’ <sup>26</sup>But the LORD was angry with me because of you and would not listen to me. And the LORD said to me, ‘Enough from you; do not speak to me of this matter again. <sup>27</sup>Go up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes westward and northward and southward and eastward, and look at it with your eyes, for you shall not go over this Jordan. <sup>28</sup>But charge Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he shall go over at the head of this people, and he shall put them in possession of the land that you shall see.’ <sup>29</sup>So we remained in the valley opposite Beth-peor.

**Sermon, Rev. Brooks Pipher**

“God for His People”

**\*Sing: Hymn #461, *Not What My Hands Have Done* (Stanzas 1, 3, & 5)**



