Covenant Church

Morning Worship — May 25, 2025

Welcome

Frederick Ludiway

Announcements

Rev. Brooks Pipher

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-4

*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 **Love for Our City**, while rejoicing and resting in God — to his glory.

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

We welcome today Rev. Kent Moorlach. Rev. Moorlach is a native Californian who is now a country preacher in Tennessee. He attended CSU Fullerton, Talbot Seminary, and San Francisco Theological Seminary. Kent was ordained with the ARP in 2004, and ministered in Orange and Irvine, CA. With his wife Stephanie, and their 5 children, they now minister in Rosemark, TN, located in the farmland outside of Memphis.

"Last Sunday" Lunch Today, 11:15 AM

Please plan to stay for our monthly fellowship lunch following the conclusion of *Morning Worship*.

Evening Worship Tonight, 6 PM

Men's Study & Fellowship This Tuesday, May 27 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Whole Foods in Burbank.

Ladies Study & Fellowship This Wednesday, May 28

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. Amanda's home in Burbank.

*Congregation standing, if able

GOD CLEANSES US

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Deuteronomy 30:1-3 (ESV)

"And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, ² and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³ then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.

*Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 35:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Sing: Hymn #679, 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

(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

Jeremiah 23:1-8 (ESV)

"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³ Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

⁷ "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' ⁸ but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."

Sermon, Rev. Kent Moorlach "The Gatherer"				
*Sing: Psalter #138				
GOD COMMISSIONS US				
*Benediction Numbers 6:24-26				
*Sing: Psalter #179				

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