



**COVENANT GRACE**  
C O L U M B I A

**April 28th 2024**

## **Liturgy**

### **Call to Worship**

**God gathers his people to care for them and receive their worship.**

1 Chronicles 29:10–13 - “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. 13 And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

### **God Is For Us**

We won't fear the battle,  
we won't fear the night;  
We will walk the Valley  
with You by our side.  
You will go before us,  
You will lead the way;  
We have found a refuge,  
only You can save.

Even when I stumble,  
even when I fall;  
Even when I turn back,  
still Your love is sure.  
You will not abandon,  
You will not forsake;  
You will cheer me onward  
with never ending grace.

*Sing with joy now;  
our God is for us.  
The Father's love is a strong  
and mighty fortress.  
Raise your voice,  
now no love is greater;  
Who can stand against us  
if our God is for us?*

Neither height nor depth  
can separate us,  
hell and death will not defeat us;  
He who gave His Son to free us  
holds me in His love.

## **The Law of God**

### **God requires righteousness of all people.**

Exodus 20:2-17 - "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup> "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. <sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup> "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> "You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup> "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup> "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

## **Confession of Sin**

### **God's people acknowledge their sin before Him.**

**Merciful Father, we know the evil, suffering, and death wrought by sin. We see it in the world around us and in our very heart. We see it destroy and enslave those who bear your image. Yet still we chose it. We believe its lies while distrusting your Word. We find ourselves doing the wrong we hate, and unable to do the good we desire. We look elsewhere for that which is found in You alone. Deliver us from the guilt and the sway of our sin for Christ's sake, who purchased our righteousness and freedom with his precious blood. Amen**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **God shows his people mercy and grace in Jesus Christ**

1 John 1:8-9 - If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Is He Worthy

Do you feel the world is broken? <i>We do.</i>	Does the Father truly love us? <i>He does.</i>
Do you feel the shadows deepen? <i>We do.</i>	Does the Spirit move among us? <i>He does.</i>
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? <i>We do.</i>	And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? <i>He does.</i>
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? <i>We do.</i>	Does our God intend to dwell again with us? <i>He does.</i>
	<i>Is anyone worthy?</i> <i>Is anyone whole?</i> <i>Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?</i> <i>The Lion of Judah</i> <i>who conquered the grave,</i> <i>He is David's Root and the Lamb</i> <i>who died to ransom the slave.</i> <i>From every people and tribe,</i> <i>every nation and tongue,</i> <i>He has made us a kingdom</i> <i>and priests</i> <i>to God to reign with the Son.</i> <i>Is He worthy, is He worthy</i> <i>of all blessing and honor</i> <i>and glory?</i>
Is all creation groaning? <i>It is.</i>	
Is a new creation coming? <i>It is.</i>	
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? <i>It is.</i>	
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? <i>It is.</i>	
	<i>Is He worthy, is He worthy?</i> <i>Is He worthy of this?</i> <i>He is.</i>
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## All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way; The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will, And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.	And I beheld God's love displayed: You suffered in my place. You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace.  <i>Hallelujah, all I have is Christ!</i> <i>Hallelujah, Jesus is my life!</i>
But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost, You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.	Now Lord, I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me. O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose, And let my song forever be: "My only boast is You!"

## **Prayer**

**After the Pastor leads us in prayer for our church and community, pray together as Jesus taught us:**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.

## **Sermon - Matthew 10:38-42**

**God proclaims His word to His people.**

## **Nicene Creed**

**God's people confess the faith once for all delivered to the saints.**

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

## **Jesus, Thank You**

The mystery of the cross  
I cannot comprehend,  
The agonies of Calvary;  
You the perfect Holy One,  
crushed Your Son  
Who drank the bitter cup  
reserved for me.

*Your blood has  
washed away my sin;  
Jesus, thank You.  
The Father's wrath  
completely satisfied;  
Jesus, thank You.  
Once Your enemy,  
now seated at Your table;  
Jesus, thank You.*

By Your perfect sacrifice  
I've been brought near,  
Your enemy You've made  
Your friend;  
Pouring out the riches  
of Your glorious grace,  
Your mercy and Your kindness  
know no end.

Lover of my soul,  
I want to live for You.

## **The Lord's Supper**

**God gives his people the sign of their New Covenant union with Christ.**

## **Doxology**

**God's people praise Him in light of all they have received.**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

## **Benediction**

**God sends His people out with His blessing.**

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 - Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.