



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

**July 7<sup>th</sup> 2024**

## **Liturgy**

### **Call to Worship**

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

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

### **Jesus Shall Reign**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom spread  
from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and  
wane no more.

He shall reign in glory, crowned  
with grace and might.  
Bless His name and praise  
our sov'reign King  
He shall reign forever with His  
chosen Bride,  
And all the Earth shall sing that  
Jesus is the King

People and realms  
of every tongue  
Dwell on His love  
with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their earthly blessing on His  
name.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
His grateful honors to our King;  
Angels descend with  
songs again  
And Earth repeat the loud  
"Amen!"

## **The Law of God**

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

Romans 12:9–21 - <sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

<sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **Confession of Sin**

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

**Holy Father, You see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of Your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from You and that to You all life returns. We have not sought to do Your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loves us. Apart from You, we are nothing. Only Your grace can sustain us. Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin and restore us to the joy of Your salvation now and evermore. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

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

John 6:37–40 - <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

## **Psalm 46 (Lord Of Hosts)**

When peace like a river  
Attendeth my way  
When sorrows like  
like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot  
Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well  
It is well with my soul

*It is well with my soul*  
*It is well*  
*It is well with my soul*

My sin O the bliss  
Of this glorious tho't  
My sin not in part but the whole

Is nailed to the cross  
And I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord  
Praise the Lord O my soul

And Lord haste the day  
When the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back  
as a scroll  
The trump shall resound  
And the Lord shall descend  
Even so it is well  
With my soul

## **Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

*This is my story, this is my song*  
*Praising my Savior all the day long*  
*This is my story, this is my song*  
*Praising my Savior all the day long*

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I, in my Savior,  
am happy and blessed  
Watching and waiting,  
looking above  
Filled with His goodness, lost in  
His love  
Oh what a Savior!  
Wonderful Jesus!

Death could not hold You -  
You are victorious!  
Praise to the risen King!

## **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 12:43-50**

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

#### **THE APOSTLES CREED**

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

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 Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. AMEN.

\* "catholic" means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples

#### **Man Of Sorrows**

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God	Sent of heaven God's own Son
By His own betrayed	To purchase and redeem
The sin of man and wrath of God	And reconcile the very ones
Has been on Jesus laid	Who nailed Him to that tree

Silent as He stood accused	Now my debt is paid
Beaten, mocked, and scorned	It is paid in full
Bowing to the Father's will	By the precious blood
He took a crown of thorns	That my Jesus spilled

<i>Oh, that rugged cross,</i>	Now the curse of sin
<i>my salvation</i>	Has no hold on me
<i>Where Your love poured out over me</i>	Whom the Son sets free
<i>Now my soul cries out,</i>	Oh is free indeed

<i>"Hallelujah"</i>	See the stone is rolled away
<i>"Praise and honor unto Thee"</i>	Behold the empty tomb
	Hallelujah, God be praised
	He's risen from the grave

#### **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.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

<sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.